

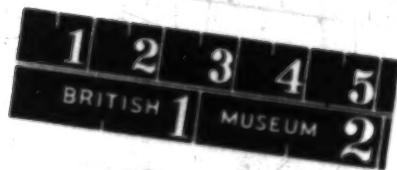
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and Ireland, defender of the faith,
and of the Church of Englande
and also of Irelande, in earth the
Supreme heade, to the honour of
almighty God, and for the concord
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and subiectes of the same, helde
his most high court of par-
liament, begun at westm
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XXXIII. yere
of his moste
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folowynge.

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for brother of Charthuse, Christopher Joy, Clement Philpot, John Wel-
lar, Edward Coibet new prisoner, John Browne his servant



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FOR AS MUCHE AS many light and euill disposed persons, not minding to gette their liuynge by truth, accordyng to the lawes of this realme, but compassyng and buytyng dayly how they may vnlawfully obteyne and gette into their handes and possessions, goodes, cattalles, and iewels of other persons for the maintenance of their vnythful liuynge. And also knowyng, that if they come to any of the same goodes cattelles and iewelles by stelethe, that then they beynge therof lawfully conuict, accordyng to the lawes of this realme, shall dye therfore: haue nowe of late falsely and disceitfully contriued deuyces and ymagyned priuie tokens and counterfayte letters in other mens names, by the which they, especiall frendes and acquaintances, for the obteynynge of money, goodes, cattalles, and iewelles of the same persons, their frendes and acquaintances, by colour wherof, the said light and euill disposed persons haue disceitfully and vnlawfully obteyned and gotten greaite substance of money, goodes, cattalles, and iewels into their handes and possessions, contrary to ryghte and conscience. For reformation wherof, be it ordeyned and enacted by auctorite of this present parliamente, that if any person or persons, of what estate or degre so euer he or they be, at any tyme after the fyrste daye of Apryll next comynge, falsely and deceitfully obteyne or get into his or theyr handes or possession any money, goodes, cattells, iewels, or other thynges, of any other person or persons, by colour and meanes of any suche falsie token or counterfayte letter, made in any other mannes name, as is aforesayde: that then every suche person and persons, so offending, and beynge therof lawfully conuict by witness, taken before the lord Chauncellour of Englande for the tyme beynge, or by examination of iurors, or confession taken in the sterte chamber at westm befoze the hynnyng most honourable counsell, or befoze the iustices of assise in theyr circuit for the tyme beynge, or befoze the iustices of peace within any part of the kynges dominton in their generall sessions, or by action in any of the kynges courtres of record, shall haue and suffer suche correction and punishment by imprisonment of his body, setting upon the pillory, or otherwys by any corporall payne (except paynes of death) as shalbe vnto hym or them limited adiudged or appoynted by the person and persons, befoze whom he shall be so conuict of the said offences, or of any of them.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite afoze said, that as well the iustices of assise for the tyme beynge, and also the iustices of peace in every countie, whet of one to be of the Quorum, shall haue full power and auctorite to call and conuict by process or other wise, to the said assises or generall sessions, any person or persons beynge suspected of any the offences afoze sayde, and to committe hym or them to ward, or let hym or them to baile, till the

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the next assyses or generall sessions, there to be examined and further to be ordered by their discretions, as is above said.

PROVIDED alwaies and be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that iustices of peace within every cite borough towne and franchise within this realme or other the kynges dominions, that haue like iurisdiction power and auctoritie at theyr generall sessions, and otherwyle to doe and execute all and every thyng and thynges in all popites, as other iustices of the shires in theyr circuits, or iustices of the peare in the counties by virtue of this act be lymitted and appoynted to do and execute, for the punishment and correction of lyke offenders, as by the aforesayd act is specified and declared. Sauyng to the party greued by suche disseite suche remedy by way of action or other wyle of and for the same maner goodes cattelles itwels or other thynges so opteyned, as he myght haue had if this act had neuer been made, any thyng in the same conteyned to the contrary in any wyle not withstanding.

PROVIDED alwaies and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the kynges byghnes counsell of his towne of Calies, or thre of them for the tyme being, shall haue suche and lyke auctoritie for the examination, baylement, and punishment of such offendour or offendours, and for suche offences hereafter to be committed and done within the towne and marches of Calies and countie of Sussex, as the aforesaid Iustices of the shire, or iustices of peace haue by force of this act within theyr iurisdiccions and auctorities.

An act conceyning bying of fysh upon the sea. Cap. ii.



WHERE MANY and dyuers townes and portes, by the sea syde, in the counties of Herts and Sussex, as well of the fysh portes and members of the same portes as other, have in tymes past ben in great welth and prosperitie, wel builded and inhabited with a great multitude of people, by reason of bying and exercising the craft and seate of fyshyng, whereby the sayde portes and townes were able to make amonge them selves a great number of botes and shoppes, and also many good maryners to the said botes belonging, the which sayd maryners were not onely put to the said diligent labour and exercise of fyshyng, but also they were put in dayly experience and knowledge of the costes of the sea, as well within this realme as in other parties beyond the sea, by the which practise it was not onely great strength to this realme, by reason of bying by and merytyng of maryners, when so euer the kynges grace had neede of them, but also a great wylth to the realme, and abundance of such, whereby our soueraygne lord the king, the lordes gentylmen and commons were alwaies well served of fysh, the market townes of a reasonable price, and also by reason of the same bying many men were made and grew riche, and many poore men and women had

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therby they; conuenient lyuynge, to the strength encreasynge and welth of this realme: And where many and dyuers of the sayd fyshermen, for their singular lurre and aduantage do leaue the sayd craft of fyshynge, and be confederate with Picardes Flemynge Hoymans and Frenchemen, and sometyme sayle ouer into the costes of Picardy and Flaunders, & sometyme do mete the saide Picardes and Flemynge halfe the sea ouer, and there for redy money of the coyne of this realme, do marchant and by the sayde fresh fysh of the same estraungers amountynge to the summe yerely of .xx. M. markes and aboute, and so come and make they; sales in diuers costes and crikes within this realme at they; pleasure, where yf they dyd not so, the same Picardes & Flemynge wold bring the same fysh ouer them selves, and selle it in this realme to the kynges subiectes, muche better cheape, and for lesse money, if the same botes and people of this realme wolde not regeate the sayde fysh: the whiche is to the great impouertyshynge of the kynges people, conueynynge and minishynge of the kynges coine out of this realme, contrary to his lawes and statutes, to the great diminution of the kynges nauy fysherbotes and maryners, and also to the destruction desolacion and bitter vndoing of such portes and towne by the sea syde, & depopulacion of the people of this realme, and the debilitie and weakenes therof. In consideration whereof, be it enacted ordeyned and establisshed by the kyng our souerayne lord, the lordes spirytual and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that no maner of person englyshe denyen nor estraunger, no he dwellyng, or they which at any tyme hereafter shal dwell or inhabyt within any of the true portes crikes lymes or members of the same, or within any other place within this realme, shal from the first day of Auguste nowe nexte commynge, bye any fresh fysh of any estraunger in the sayde parties of Flaunders Zelande Picardy or France, or vpon the sea, betwene those and those, or in any other place beyonde the sea, to put to sale within this realme, to any person or persones, vpon paine of euery person so doing at any tyme, to forsayte for euery tyme so doyng ten poundes, wherof the one halfe to be to our souerayne lord the kyng, and the other halfe to the partie or parties that will sue for the same, by bpl, action of det, information or otherwyse in any of the kynges courttes, and to be tried in the county next adioynynge, where the byng is supposed to be made don or had, where: in no delaye wager of lawe protection nor essoyne shall be allowed.

¶ **It** be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that it shal be lawfull to all and euery fysher estraunger, to come and resorte into euery hauen port crake or other place within this realme with their fish, and the same fysh to put to sale without let or impediment of any person or persons at all tymes and as often as it shal please them.

¶ **It** is ordeyned alwayes, that this acte or anye thyng therein conteyned, shal not extende or be in any wyse hurtful to any person or persons for the byng of Surgeon porpoise or seale vpon the sea, or bought in any parte of beyond the sea, and brought into this realme to be detereed and solde, any thyng con-

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teyned in this acte to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding.

¶ PROVIDED ALSO, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not be hurtfull ne prejudyciall to any personne or personnes for the bypynge of any beerynge or spyttes, vpon the sea, or at the costes, to be bought at any tyme on this syde the feaste of the Purification of our ladye saynte Mary, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god, a thousande fyue hundred forty and thye, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding.

¶ PROVIDED furthermoze, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende to any personne or persones, whiche shall be any tyme in any parties of Irelande, Scotlande, Dykeney, Shorlande, Irelande or Newlande, any thyng conteyned in this acte to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding. This acte onely to endure tyll the later ende of the nexte parlyament.

An acte for foldyng of clothes in Northwales. Cap. iii.



WHERE A certayne kynde and sort of twelthe clothes called dwyhtes, russertes, and kenertes, made and wroughte in Northwales and Dycester hundred, adioynynge to Northwales, of longe tyme have bene and be so craftely and hardy rolled to gyther, that the byer therof can not perceyue nor discern the vntrewe makynge and breadth therof, to the great hurt, dysceyte, and empoueryshyng of the kynges reys and louyng subiectes. For remedy wherof be it enacted ordeyned and establyshed, by the king our soueraigne lord, his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parlyament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that all and every the sayde clothes frome and after the feaste of the Natyuite of saynte John Baptiste nexte comynge, that shalbe brought to any comon markettes or feyres to be vnttered and solde, shall be folded eyther in pleyghes or cuttell, as the clothes of all other countreys of this realme commonly haue bene vsed and be vsed, to the intent that the byers therof may playnly see and perceyue the breadthe and goodnesse of suche cloth and clothes, that he shall be. And that every peece of the sayde clothes, whiche after the sayde feaste shall be brought to any market or feyre to be vnttered and solde, contrary to the fourme abovesayde, shall be forfayted, that is to saye, the moptye or one halfe therof to the vse of our sayd soueraigne lord the kyng, and the other moptye etherof to any of the kynges subiectes, whiche will sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes of recorde, by action of debte byll playnte informacion or other wyse, wherin the defendante shal not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection nor eschopne or any other delatozre plea admitted or allowed.

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An act concerning peuterers. Cap. xiii.



WHERE AT THE parliament begun at London the third
 daie of Nouembze, in the .xii. yere of the reygne of the kyng
 our souereygne lord, and from thens adiourned to westm. and
 there holden, and from that tyme continued by diuers pro-
 rogations vnto the .xv. day of January, the .xxv. yere of his most
 noble reigne, It was ordeyned and established by the assent of the kynges
 matre, his lordes spiritual and temporal, and the comons in the sayd par-
 lament then assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that no person nor
 persons, from that tyme than inhabityng, or which after that tyme shulde in-
 habite within this realme, shuld buy, or otherwyle take by exchange for other
 wares, any manner wares made, or hereafter to be made out of this realme, of
 tyme or myxt with tyme, as platters dyshes saucers porters balons ewers
 flagons goblettes saites saltcellers spoones or any other thyng made of tyn
 or pewter, as also of yerd, what so euer it were, vpon payn of forsaiture of the
 same wares, in whose handes so euer it myght be founde or taken, & also law-
 full money currant in this realme, to the full value therof, the one halfe of
 the same forsaiture to be to the vse of the kinges highnes, and the other halfe
 to be to the vse of the finders of the same. And farther it was enacted, that
 it shuld be lesul to the mayster and wardens of the Peuterers, as wel with-
 in the cite of London, as within euery other cite borough or towne within
 this realme, where suche wardens were, and where no such wardens were, to
 the heade officer or gouernour, head officers or gouernours of the same cite
 borough or town for the tyme being, to exposer diuers persons, most expert
 in knowlage of the same, to make serch and seisure, and to take into their han-
 des & possession, all suche wares, as thereafter shulde be brought contrary to
 the true intent and effect of the said act, in whose so euer handes or posses-
 sion any suche shuld be founde. And it was also enacted by the auctorite aboue-
 said, that no person nor persons, occupying the said craft or occupation of pe-
 terers within this realme, shuld set on worke, or retyrne in his or their serua-
 nts any person or persons, to be his or their prentice or iourney man an estranger
 borne out of this realme, vpon payn to forsaite for euery suche prentice and
 iourney man ten poundes sterlynges: And that no stranger borne out of this
 realme, shuld occupie exercise or vse, from the feast of Pentecost than next co-
 ming the said craft of peuterers, ne worke any manner of vessel or other ware
 aforesaid, to be made of tyn or pewter, within any place or places of this re-
 alme, vpon payn of forsaiture of .x. li. sterlynges, and also vpon payn of for-
 saiture of the same peuter or tyn so wrought, in whose handes so euer it shuld
 be found or taken. And it was further enacted by the sayd auctorite, that no
 person nor persons being born within this realme, than occupying or exer-
 cising the said craft of peuterers, shuld trespasse so, as to resort into any strange
 regions or countreis, there to vse teache or exercise the said craft of peuterers,
 vpon payn to lose the priuilege and benefit of an englyshe man. And if in case

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any of the kynges subiectes, at that tyme beyng dwellinge in any strange cuntrey or region, and there occupying the sayd craft of peuterers, did not re-
 passe into this realme within thye monethes next after request and warning
 to hym to be geuen by wrytyng sealed with the comon seale of the wardens
 of the sayd craft within the sayd cite of London, and here in this realme con-
 tynually from thensforth dwell and inhabite, that than and from hensforth
 he shulde be reputed and taken as no englyshe man, but shuld stande and be
 from hensforth out of the kynges protection: And it was than further ena-
 cted, that where sundry euill disposed persons, which commonly were called
 haukers, by auctoritie of the kynges letters patentes or placarde, dyd not
 onely go about from place to place within this realme, vsyng bryng and sel-
 linge of brasse and pewter, and by coloure and pretence of the same lycences
 or placardes, dyd not onely vse vntrewe and discreuable weyghtes and bea-
 mes, but also dyd vse to sell both brasse and pewter, whiche was not good,
 nor truly or lawfully myxt or wrought, to the great deceit of the kynges true
 liege people, contrarie to the fourme and effecte of a good and laudable act
 and statute, made in the fourth yere of the kynges sayde most noble reygne,
 that al suche licences and placardes afoze that tyme had made or granted to
 any such person or persons, contrary to the true meaning fourme and effect
 of the sayd estatute, shulde be from thensforth by the auctoritie of the sayde
 parliament clerely voyde and of none effecte. And where as in the sayd acte
 of parlyament, concernyng the sayd crafte of peuterers and brasseiers, made
 in the sayd fourth yere, for dyuers causes and considerations in the same act
 conteyned, amongst other thynges it was expessed, that no person nor per-
 sons, vsyng the sayd craft of peuterers or brasseiers, shuld from hensforth
 sell or chaunge any pewter or brasse new or olde, at any place or places with-
 in this realme, but onely in open faires or markettes, or in theyr owne dwel-
 lyng houses, but if they were desyzed by the byers of such wares, vpon pain
 of forsaiture for every suche defaulte .x. li. And so than the same forsaiture
 was to the onely vse of the kynges hyghnes, and the partye seychyng or sin-
 dyng the same, was not intitled to haue any benefite thereby: it was not kno-
 wen, that any person or persones had taken any peynes, to enserche or make
 any inquery therof, by reason wherof dyuerse and many euille disposed per-
 sons, than vsyng bryng and sellinge, as well of brasse as pewter, and not
 regardyng the sayd good act, nor the sayd penalty, went dayly about from
 village to village, towne to towne, and from house to house, to sel such pew-
 ter and brasse, which was not good, and also vntrewe and discreuable weyghtes and
 beames, as they dyd befoze the making of the said act, to the great hurt and
 discreit of the kynges true liege people and subiectes. wherfore it was ena-
 cted by the auctoritie of the sayd parliament, that as wel the moptye of the
 sayde forsaiture of .x. li. lymytted in the sayd statute, made in the sayd fourth
 yere, as also the moptye of al other forsaitures and penalties, expessed and
 specified in the sayd actes, and every of them, shulde be to the vse of the ky-
 ges hyghnes, his heyyen and successors, and the other moptye of the same for-
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captures and penalties and euer of them, to the vse of him or theim that
 wold seise spede or present the same soysfaures or any of them, or that wold
 sue for the same in any competent court or courtes within this realme, by
 action of debt, bpll, playnt, or informacion, wherein the defendaunt shoulde in
 no wise be admitted to wage his law, or any protection or essoyne to any per-
 son or persons, whiche shoulde be impeched to haue offended contrary to the
 fourme and effect of this statute, shuld be allowable, as in the sayd act more
 playnely appereth, whiche act was appoynted to endure onely to the ende of
 the nexte parliament than next folowynge: and which act was after renewed
 in the parliament holden at Westm, in the .xxviii. yere of the reygne of our
 sayde soueraygne lord to endure vntill thende of the next parliament, than
 next folowynge: And whiche acte was also renewed at the parliaments hol-
 den at Westm, in the .xxxi. and .xxxi. yeres of our said souerain lordes reign,
 to endure vntill the laste day of the nexte parliamente than nexte ensuyng.
 Wherfore in this present parliament our sayd soueraygne lordes true
 and obedient subiectes, the peitersers of this his sayd realme, and other the
 true comons of the same, because the same act is beneficiall and necessary for
 the common welth of this realme, That it maie be enacted by the kyng our
 sayd soueraygne lord, the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the comons in
 this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, so far as in
 the same act, and euer thing therein conteyned, is good and beneficial to
 the common welth of this realme, that all and euer the said actes and sta-
 tutes, and all and euer article sentence and clause compysed in the same,
 may from henceforth stonde and abyde in as full strength and effect for euer
 more from henceforth to endure, accordyng to the purport tenour and effect
 of the same act and actes, as though the said articles sentences and clauses
 were specially limited recited or declared in this present act. And that no per-
 son ne persons from henceforth bie or take by exchange, or other wyse take in
 to or within this realme, to thentent to sell any such thinges or wares aboue
 reherced, made or to be made out of this realme, upon payne of like soysfa-
 ures and penalties, as are and were expessed in the sayde seuerall actes, the
 same penalties and soysfaures to be leuied as is afore expessed.

And that it maie be further enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that if any
 person or persons do vnlawfully withstande and intercept disturbe or let the ma-
 ster and wardens, or their deputies of the sayd craft of penterers for the time
 being, or the head officer or gouernour, head officers or gouernours of cities
 shires and boroughes within this realme, wherelike suche master and
 wardens are or shal be, or any of them, in serchynge seasyng and takynge into
 theyr handes and possessions suche wares as shal happen to be bought or
 brought into this realme contrary to the purport and effect of the sayd esta-
 tute, made in the said .xxviii. yere of the reygne of our sayd soueraygne lord, that
 than euer suche person and persons so offendynge, in lettynge disturbynge or
 withstandynge the said seasyng or takynge of suche wares, as is aforesaid, shal
 lose and forfeyt for euer time to comynge the summe of .v. poundes sterlynge.

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The one halfe wherof, shall be to the kynges use, and thother halfe to hym or them, that wyll or shall sue for the same, by action of bett wytte byll playnt or informacion in any the kynges courtis of recorde. In whiche action or suit no protection pryvilege nor wager of lawe shall be allowed nor admittid.

An acte concernynge keepynge of great hores. Cap. b.



WHERE in the parlyament begon and holden at westm the. xxviii. day of Apryl, in the .xxxi. yere of the reygne of our most byadde souerayne lord, and from that daie continued and proroqed by diuerse prorogacions to the. xi. day of May, in the. xxxii. yere of the reygne of our saied most byadde souerayne lord, and then synysshed and ended, it was ordeined and enacted in the session of the saied parlyament, holden in the saied. xxxii. yere of the kyng, amonges other thynges, that the nobles and other subiectes of this realme, haung parkes, shoulde kepe mares, and synde staulandes for byede and increase of hores for defence of this realme, after such rate and facion, as by the saied act is more playnely expessed. Wherthen the makynge wherof there is begun a good number of byede of hores, whiche by continuance is lyke in whorte tyme muche to increase for the sure defence of this realme, if prouision were made for the keepynge and sustentacion of suche hores within this realme, and in other the kynges domynions, after they be byed and come to age to do seruyce. And for as muche as hores hable for the warres be conuenient and necessary to be kept and maintained by the nobles and other subiectes of this realme, haung any dignitie estate possessions or other great substance for the maintenance of the same: It may therfore please the kynges most royal maiestie, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, to ordein and enacte by auctoritie of the same, that every Archebysshop and Duke of this realme, from and after the feast of saynt Mychael the archangel, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god. M. D. xliii. shall haue synde kepe susteyne and mainteyne of theyr owne proper hores, and at theyr proper costes and expenses, seven stoned trottyng hores for the saddle, every hoise of the same to be in age thre yeres and bywarde, in heyghte. xiii. handfullen, reconyng and accomptyng to every handfull foure ynches of the standerde, to be measured from the nether part of the heare of the hough, vnto the bypper part of the wydersones, that is to saie, the bypper part of the shoulders, vpon payne that every archebysshop and Duke, lackyng the number of the saied hores to them aboue limited, after the saied feast by the space of thre monethes, shall lose and forsaite for every hoise so lackyng, as often as they or any of them shall so lacke them by the saied space of thre monethes. x. li. The one moyte therof to the kyng our souerayne lord, and the other moyte to suche as wyll sue for the same by bylle playnte original byt or informacion in any of the kynges courtis, in which lites the defendantes shall not wage theyr

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they; lawe, nor any proteccion or esopne shall be admytted or allowed. And that euery Marques and Erie of this realme, and also euery Bpishoppe of this realme, the petye valewe of whose bysshopp;che is of the petye valewe of a thousande ponde or aboue, shall after the feast of saynte Mychaell the archangell, haue synde kepe susteyne and maynteyne of they; proper hoyses, and at they; proper charges and expences, fyue stoned trottyng hoyses, for the saddle, of the age and heygth aforesayd, vpon the pepn aboue specified, to be losse and recouered to the vse and in suche fourme as is afoze remembred. And that euery other bysshoppe of this realme, whose bysshopp;che is of the petye value of a thousande markes or aboue: And euery viscount and baron, haung landes tenementes fees annuities or offices for terme of his lyfe, to the clere petye value of a thousande markes or aboue, vpon lyke pepne as is aforesayde, shall after the sayd feast of saynte Mychaell, haue synde kepe susteyn and maynteyne thre stoned trottyng hoyses for the saddle, of the age and heygth afoze mencioned, vpon the pepne aboue specified, to be lost forsayte and recouered in maner and fourme as is aforesayd. And that euery other bysshop bycount and baron of this realme, not afoze mencioned, and also euery spiritual person, haung benefices or promotions, to the petye value of fyue hundred markes: And euery temporal person, haung landes, tenementes, offices, fees, or annuities for terme of his lyfe, in his owne ryght or his wyues, to the petye value of fyue hundred markes, after the sayd feast of saynt Mychaell, shall haue synde kepe susteyne and maynteyne two stoned trottyng hoyses for the saddle, in maner and fourme, and vpon the pepne afoze reherced. And that euery other spiritual person, beyng vnder the degre of a byshop, haung benefices or promotions to the clere petye value of a hundred poundes or aboue, and not to the petye value of fyue hundred markes: And all and euery other person temporal, not afoze mencioned, whose wyfe after the feast of saynt Mychaell the archangell next hereafter mencioned, in this act, shall weare any gowne of sylke, or whose wyfe shall weare any frenche hood or bonet of velvet, with any habylment past or edge of gold perle or stone, or any chayne of golde about they; neckes, or in their partletttes, or in any apparell of they; body shall after the feast of saynt Mychaell the archangell, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god a thousande fyue hundred forty and fyue, haue synde kepe susteyne and maynteyne, as is afoze said, one stoned trottyng hoise for the saddell, vpon the pepne that euery such spiritual person, vnder the degre of a byshop, haung landes tenementes benefices or promotions to the petye value of a hundred poundes, and not to the petye value of fyue hundred markes, as is aforesayde: And euery other temporal person, whose wyfe after the sayd feast of saynt Mychaell, shall weare any gowne of sylke, or whose wyfe shall weare any frenche hood, or bonet of velvet, with any habylment past or edge of golde, perle, or stone, or any chayne of golde about they; neckes, or in they; partletttes, or in any apparell of their body, shall lose and forsayte for euery tyme that any of theym shall want or lacke by the

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by the space of thre monethes, one troyinge stoned horse, of the heighte and age aforesayde, tenn pounds, the one moyre thereof to the henge, and the other to suche as wylle sewe for the same, in suche fourme as is aforesayde mencioned.

And be it enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that the Justices of assizes, and Justices of peace shall have power and auctorite within the limites of the said auctorite, to here and determine the defaults doen contrary to this act, as well by presentment as information, and to make suche processe upon any presentment and information aforesaid, as in any other cases of trespasses and contemptes done agaynst the fourme of any statute, and shall sette no lesse fyne nor payne upon suche persons, as shall be convicted by confession or trial for offending this act, than is above limited.

And for the better obseruacion of this act, Be it further ordeyned by auctorite aforesaid, that every Shyfffe in any Shyre of this realme, shall dooe his dyligence and good endeavour, to serche and know by vertue of his office, all defaults done or committed by any personne or persons, in lackyng of horses contrary to this acte, as shall happen within the Shyre where he is Shyfffe, and shall ones in the yere, that is to saye in the terme of saynt Michaell, certifye the sayd defaults, if any be, in to the Kinges Eschequer, by wytyng vnder his seale, to the entent that processe maye be made agaynst the offendours accordingly. And that every suche certificate of the Shyfffe, shall be of as good force and effecte agaynst the offendours of this acte, as any information thereof in the sayde eschequer. And in case any shall be corrupte upon any suche certificates by confession or trial, accordyng to the course of the law, than the Shyfffe makinge suche certificates, shall haue one moyre of the forfayture, and the Kinges maiesty the other moyre thereof.

Provided always, that no person shall be impeched molested or troubled for any offence done contrary to this act, by byll, action, information, presentment or certificates of the Shyfffe, onely that suche byll action information presentment or certificates be made or had within one yere next after the offence done contrary to this act, any thyng in this act to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies that this act nor any thyng therein conteyned, shall extende to any sonnes and heyres apparant of any Duke Marques Erie, Viscount, or Baron, nor to the sonnes or heyres apparant of any other persons, hauyng landes tenementes or hereditamentes to the petyl value of fyve hundred markes or above, to bynde or compel any such heyres apparant, to fynd or kepe any horses by vertue of this act in the life of their fathers, excepte suche sonnes and heyres apparant haue landes, tenementes, annuities, fees, or offices, to the petyl value of fyve hundred markes, but that every suche sonnes and heyres apparant, excepte before excepte, maye do as they byd or mought doo aforesaid the makinge of this acte, any thyng in this acte to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

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Provided alwaies, that if any suche sonne and heyre have landes tenementes hereditamentes fees offices and annuities for terme of lyfe in his owne ryght, or in the ryght of his wyfe, to the cleere pecerly value of fyve hundred markes, that then suche sonnes and heyres, haavinge suche landes tenementes hereditamentes fees offices or annuities, to the cleere pecerly value of fyve hundred markes, as is aforesayd, shall fynd kepe susteyne and maintain one trottyng horse for the saddle in fourme aforesaid, upon the payne of .xx. poundes, to be lost and forsaite for every thre monethes that any suche sonne and heyre shall lacke or want a trottyng stoned horse, as is aforesayd.

And be it provided and enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that if the wyfe of any person or persons weare any velvet in the lyping or other parte of his gowne, other then in the cusses or puffedes of suche gowne, or els weare any velvet in his kytell, or weare any petticoate of spike, that then the husbunde of every suche wyfe shall fynde one stoned horse of the stature aboue in this act recited, or shall inuente the aboue said penaltie and forsaiture of .x. poundes, to be leuied and recouered as is aforesayd declared.

Provided also that this act or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extend to charge any person or persons, whose wyfe or wyues shall weare any of the apparayle or thynges aboue reherced, during the tyme suche wyfe or wyues shall be deuoyed from hir or thei husbunde, or husbundes, or shall willingly absent hir selfe from hir said husbunde, and duringe suche absence shall weare any of the apparayle or other thynges aforesayd recited.

Provided alwaies that heyres within age, beinge wardes, whose landes tenementes and hereditamentes amounte to the pecerly value of .cc. li. shall not be compelled by auctorite of this act, tyll they come to thei full age, to kepe any horses, although the wyfes of suche heyres within age weare any gowne of spike, or any fentre hood or bonet of velvet, with any habilimée past or edge of gold perle or stone, or any chayne of gold about thei neckes or in their pattlettes, or in any apparayll of thei body, any thyng in this act to the contrary not withstanding.

Provided also that if all or any the horses kept by vertue of this act, shall happen to be kyled maymed or lost in the seruite of the kynges warres, that then in every such case the owners of such horse or horses, so kyled maymed perished or lost in the warres, shall haue libertie by the space of two yerres next after suche chaunce of kylling maymyng perishing or losing thei horses, to provide other horses in the stede and place of the horses so kyled maymed perished or losse in the warres, without any daungier losse or penalty of this act, any thyng in this act to the contrary therof not withstanding.

Provided also, that cart horses or sumpter horses shall not be take reputed or reckened for any suche horses, which any person is or shalbe bounden to kepe by vertue of this act.

An act conceyning crossebowes and handgunnes. Cap. li.



Here in the parliament holden at Westmynster, the .xv. day of Januarie, in the .xxv. yere of the kynges most gracious reigne, and there continued a kepe vntill the .xxx. date of Marche then next ensuyng, amonge dyuers and sundry wholesome and laudable actes statutes and ordynances, one statute and ordynance was made and ordeyned for the auoyding and eschewing of shoryng in Crossebowes and handgunnes: Whyn the makynge of which act diuerse maliciouse and euill disposed persons, not onely presumpng wilfully and obstinately the violacion and breach of the said act, but also of their maliciouse and euill disposed mindes and purposes, haue wilfully and shamefully committed perpetrated and done diuerse detestable and shamefull murders robberies felonies riottes and routes with crossebowes, litell shox handgunnes, and litell hagbuttes, to the great perill and continuall feare and danger of the kynges most louyng subiectes: and also dyuers keepers of foxes chases and parkes, as wel of our said soueraygne lord, as other his nobles and commons, and dyuers gentylmen yomen and seruing men now of late haue laied apart the good and laudable exercise of the long bow, whiche alway heretofore hath ben the suretie safeguard and continuall defence of this realme of England, and an inestimable dread and terror to the enemies of the same: And now of late the said euill disposed persons haue used and yet do dayly vse to vse and goe in the kynges high waies and els where, hauing with them crossebowes and litell handgunnes redy furnyshed with quarelles gounpouder, fyre, & touche to the great perill and feare of the kynges most louyng subiectes. For reformation wherof be it enacted ordeined and established by the kyng our souerayne lord, the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, in maner and forme folowynge, That is to say, that no person or persons, of what estate or degree he or they be, except he or they in their owne right, or in the right of his or their wues, to his or their owne vses, or any other to the vse of any such person or persons, haue landes tenementes fees annuities or offices in the pecy value of one hundred poundes, from or after the last day of June next commynge, shall shote in any crosse bow hand gunne hagbut or dymy hake, or vse or kepe in his or theyr houses or els where, any crossebow handgunne, hagbut or dymy hake, otherwyle or in any other maner, than is here after in this present act declared, vpon payne so forsaith for every tyme that he or they so offende contrary to this act. x. li.

And furthermoe be it enacted by the auctorite also sayde, that no person or persons, of what estate or degree so euer he or they be, fro or after the said last day of June, shall shote in any kepe vse or haue in his house or els where any handgunne, other than suche as shall be in the stocke and gunne of the length of one hole yarde, or any hagbut or dymy hake, other than suche as shall

shalbe in the stocke & gun of the length of thre quarters of one parde, vpon payne to forsaite for euery tyme that he or they shall shote in carp vse or haue any suche gunne, beyng not of the length of one hole parde, or hagbut or dympe hake, being not of the length of thre quarters of a parde. .i. li. s. c. lxxij. And that it shall bee lawfull to euery person & persons, whiche haue landes tenementes fees annuities or offices, to the yerely value of one hundred pounds, as is aforesayde, to seale and take euery suche crossebow, and also euery handegunne, beyng in stocke & gun shorter in length than one whole parde, and euery hagbutte and dympe hake, being shorter in length than thre quarters of a parde, or any of them, from the keeping or possession of euery suche offender contrary to the fourme of this act, and the same crossebow or crossebowes to kepe and retayne to his or theyr owne vse. And also the same handegunnes hagbuttes and dympe hakes, so sealed and taken, within .xx. daies next after the same seysure or taking, to breake and distroy, vpon payne of .xl. s. for euery gunne so sealed and not broken and distroyed, and the same so broken and distroyed, to kepe and retayne to his or their owne vse.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that no person or persons, other than suche as haue landes tenementes fees annuities or offices, to the yerely value of one hundred pounds, as is aforesayd, fro or after the said last day of June, shall carie or haue in his or their tourney, going or ridyng in the kynges high wayes, or els where, any crossebow bent, or gunne charged or furnished with powder fyre or touche for & same, except it be in tyme & service of war, vpon payne to forsaite for euery suche offence .i. li. this present act, or any thyng therein contained to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that no person nor persons, from the said last day of June, shall in any wyle shote in or with any handegunne dympe hake or hagbut at any thyng at large, within any cite borough or market towne, nor within one quarter of a myle of any cite borough or market towne, except it be at a butte or banke of erth in a place conuenient, or for the defence of his person or house, vpon payne to forsaite for euery suche shote .x. li. this present act, or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that no person or persons, of what estate or degree so euer he or they be, shall from or after the said last day of June, commaunde any of his or theyr seruantes to shote in any crossebow handegunne hagbut or dympe hake, or his or theyr said maysters, or of any other persons, to any deere foule or other thyng, except it bee onely at a butte or banke of erth, or in the tyme of warre, as is aboue sayd, vpon payne to forsaite for euery suche offence .x. li. The one moetye of al whiche forsaitures and penalties in this present act aboue specified, shall be to the kyng our soveraygne lord, his heires and successours, and the other moetye therof to the partie that will sue for the same, by bill playnte action of debt or information in any of the kynges courtes of record, in whiche suite no ellopyn protection nor wager of law shall be allowed.

Provided alway, and bee it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that it shalbe lawfull from hens forth to all gentyl menue women and seruyng men of euery lord or lordes spirituall or tempozall, and of all knyghtes esquires and gentilmen, and to all the inhabitantes of cities boroughes and market townes of this realme of Englande, to shooote with any handgunne dymy hake or hagbut at any butte or banke of earth, onely in place conuenient for the same, so that euery suche handegunne dymy hake and hagbutte be of the seuerall lengthes aforesayd, and not vnder. And that it shalbe lawfull to euery of the sayd lord and lordes, knyghtes esquires and gentylmen, and the inhabitantes of euery citie borough and market towne, to haue & kepe in euery of theire houses any suche handegunne or handegunnes of the length of one whole parde, or any hagbut or dymy hake of the length of three quarters of a parde, as is aforesayd, and not vnder, to the intent to vse and shooote in the same at a butte or banke of earth only as is abouesayd, wherby they & euery of them by the exercise therof in forme abouesaid, may the better ayde and assyst to the defence of this realme, whan neede shal require, this present act or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that it shalbe lawfull to euery person and persones, whiche dwelleth and inhabiteth in any house, standyng and beyng sette distant two furlonges from any citie borough or towne, to kepe and haue in his saied house, for the onely defence of the same, handgunnes hagbuttes and dymy hakes, beyng of the seuerall lengthes aforesayd, and not vnder, and to vse and exercise to shooote in the same at any butte or banke of erth nere to the house, and not otherwys: any thyng conteined in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

And furthermoze the kinges most louyng subiectes, the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, most humbly do beseeche the kinges maiestie, that it be further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that all letters patentes fraternities and also all other placardes licences & byll assigned heretofore had made or signed by his hyghnes, or by any other auctorised by his maiesties letters patentes vnder his great seale, to geue licence and placard to shooote in crossebowes and handegunnes or any of thein, shalbe from and after the saied last date of June, frustrate voyde and of none effect.

And also that it may be further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the saied statute, made in the said .xxv. yere of the kinges most gracious reigne, and all other statutes heretofore made and provided for the auoiding of restraint of shooting in crossebowes and handegunnes, or for any of them, or for the vsing and keping of the same, be from hensforth utterly voyde and of none effect.

Provided alwaies, that euery processe suite or informacion conceined commensed and now depending, for any offence dooen contrarie to the fourme of the said statute, made in the said .xxv. yere of the kinges most noble reigne, or of any other statute, made provided for and concerning the shooting in crosse

crossbowes and handgunnes not repelled, and for the keeping of the same, shalbe as good and effectuell to the parties that have comensed the same, & shal stand and be in suche fourme effect degree and condicion, as if this act had neuer be made.

¶ Provided also, that this act or any thynge therein contained, be not in any wise hurtful or prejudicial to any person or persons, now being, or that here after shal be appoynted by the kynges highnes, to kepe receiue or take any crossbowes or handgunnes, that shal be forsaied or taken within the precinct or libertie of the kynges forrestes parkes or chales, but that he or they may lawfully kepe and reterne the same crossbowes or handgunnes from tyme to tyme, vntyll suche tyme as the further pleasure of the kynges highnes in that behalfe be to every such person shewed and declared.

¶ Provided also that this act extende not to the makers of crossbowes or handgunnes, but that they may lawfully kepe crossbowes & handgunnes hagbuttes and dymp hakes in their houses, and shote in the same, onely for proung and assaing of them at a butte or banke of earth in the place convenient, and not otherwyle: so that the sayd handgunnes hagbuttes & dymp hakes be of the seuerall length in stocke and gunne, as is aboue limited.

¶ Provided also that this act nor any thynge therein conterned, extende not, or be prejudiciall to any marchantes, whiche haue or shal haue any crossbowes handgunnes hagbuttes and dymp hakes, or any of them, to sell with in this realme, and to none other vnto that the same handgunnes hagbuttes and dymp hakes be of the seuerall length in gunne and stocke as is aboue limited, and not vnder.

¶ Provided also, that no maner of persone runne in any danger or take hurt by reason of any penaltie or forsaiture contained in this act, vntyll suche tyme as proclamaciō be made of the same act, within the countie, where the partie, that shal or may offend contrary to this act, dwelleth, by the space of xx. daies next after the making of the said proclamation.

¶ Provided also that if any maner of person being or cause to be brought wth him into his lodgyng, or in or to any other mans house, any crossbow or handgunne, that than the penaltie and forsaiture, if any suche be or here after shal be forsaied by reason of this act to renne and bee onely vpon the bringer of the said crossbow and handgunne, and not to the owner of the same lodgyng or house, if the said owner of the said lodgyng or house, cause the bringer therof to take and to carry awayne the said crossbow or handgunne agayne wth him at his departing: Any thynge in this act made to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And be it also enacted by the auctorite of this present parliament, that if any person or persons, from or after the last daie of June next commynge, see or spynd any person or persons offendynge or doyng contrary to the forme and effect of this act, & than it shalbe lefull to every such person or persones, perceiuyng, finding, or seeing any such person or persones so offendynge contrary to the forme of this acte, to arrest and attache every suche offender or

offenders, and to bring or conuey the same to the next iustice of the peace of the same countie, where the sayd offender or offenders shall be founde so offending. And that the same iustice of peace, vpon a due examination and p[ro]ofe therof befo[re] him had or made by his discretion, shall haue full power and auctoritie to send or committe the same offender or offenders to the next iayle, there to remayn till such time as the said penaltie or forfaiture shall be truly contented and payd, by the said offender: The one moytie of the same penaltie to be paid to the kynges highnes, and the other moytie therof to the first byp[er]nger or conueyer of the sayed offender to the same iustice of peace.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any person or persons do at any tyme hereafter obtaine gette or purchase of the kynges maiestie, his heires or successours any placard licence or bill assigned, to shoote in any crossebowe handegunne hagbutte or dymy hake, contrary to the tenor purport and effect of this present act: that then there shall be contained in euery suche placard licence and bill assigned, at what beastes foules or other thinges the sayd person or persons so obtaining any suche placard licence or bill assigned, shall shoote at with any crossebow handegunne hagbutte or dymy hake: or els that euery suche placard licence and bill assigned hereafter to be obtained gotten or purchased, shall be clerely voyde frustrate, and of none effect. And also that euery suche person or persons so obtaining any suche placard licence or bill assigned, befoze they shoote in any suche crossebow handegunne hagbutte or dymy hake in any suche maner or fourme as shall be mencioned in any suche placard licence or bill assigned, shall be bounden in the kynges court of Chancery by recognisance in the summe of .xx. li. to the kynges vse, with and vpon condicion, that he so obtaining or hauing the said licence placard or bill assigned, shall not shoote in any crossebow handegunne hagbutte or dymy hake, at any other beastes or foules, than in any suche placard licence or bill assigned shall be conteyned and specified; and els all suche placard licences & billes assigned so hereafter to be made to any person or persons, not being so bounden by recognisance in the court of the Chauncery, as is aforesaid, to bee utterly voyde and of none effect.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that it shall be lawful to al iustices of the peace in their sessions, & to al stewardes and bailiffes in their seuerall letes and lawdaies, to enquire here and determine euery such offence, after the said last date of June, to be committed and done contrary to the tenor of this present act: so that alwaies no lesse fyne than ten poundes be assessed vpon euery such presentment and conuiction, made accordyng to the due course of the law, the same fyne so by the same Iustices of peace vpon euery such presentment and conuiction made befoze them in their sessions, to be paid and leued onely to the kynges vse: and the one moytie of euery fyne to be assessed by the stewardes or bailiffes of any lete or lawday, vpon euery presentment and conuiction befoze them to be made, to be paid and leued to the vse of the kyng our souerayn lord: And of the other moytie the one halfe to the owner of the sayed lete or lawday by distresse or action

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of dette, and the other halfe of the same seconde moortie of the same fine, to be to the partie that will pursue for the same in any of the kynges courtes by bill playnt information or action of dette, in the whiche noie effoin protection nor wages of lawe shalbe allowed.

¶ And he is further enacted, that if any Jury, being sworn and charged to enquire for the kyng our soveraigne lord, before any iustices of the peace or stewarden of letes or lawdaye, of any offences committed or done contrary to this present act, dooe wilfully concele any of the same offences, that than the said iustices stewarden or bayliffes, before whom any concelement shal be had and done, shal have authority by vertue of this present act from tyme to tyme to charge and sweare an other Jury of xii. or mo good and substantiall honest persons, to enquire of every suche concelement. And if any suche concelement be founde and presented by the said Jury so charged to enquire of the same, that than every one of the said fyfte Jury, that so did concele the same, shal lese and forfayte for every suche concelement of every suche offence. xx. s. All which forfaytures and penalties of .xx. s. for every suche concelement of every suche offence so founde and presented before the same iustices of peace, shal wholy be leuied and payde to the kynges use. And the moortie of all the same forfaytures and penalties of .xx. s. so founde and presented before the steward or bayliffes of any lete or lawdaye, shal be leuied and payd to the use of the owner of the said lete or lawdaye by distress or action of dette: and the other moortie therof to be to the partie or parties, that will sue for the same by action information bill or playnt in any of the kynges courtes. In the whiche actions informations billes or playntes no wages of lawe effoin nor protection shalbe allowed.

¶ Provided alwaies & be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any person or persons hereafter in any part do offende or do contrary to the puruew and remedie of this act, where vpon cause of action for the same offence shal be given to the king his heires or successors, or to any other person or persones that will sue by vertue of this act for the punishment of the said offence or forfaytes, that if the king our soveraigne lord, his heires or successors, within one yere nexte and immediatly after suche offences and forfaytes had and made, dooe not pursue their action or actions, so given by this act, or cause examination vpon suche defaultes and offences to be had, and made, befoze their counsaile, or other presentmentes therof to be had, accordyng to the meaning of the same act: And every other person, whiche hereafter by vertue of this act, may have action or actions suite or information vpon this statute, within halfe a yere nexte and immediatly after suche offences or forfaytes had and made, doe not commence their suites information actions or presentmentes of and vpon the said forfaytes by action or otherwise, as in this present act is limited and declared: that than aswell the kyng our soveraigne lord his heires and successors, after one yere nexte after suche offences and forfaytes hadde and made, if no suite in his or their name be taken by action or otherwise, as is befoze expres-

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sed, before the same were ended and determined, as every other person after halfe a yere next after like offences and forsaithes had and done in the forsaithed aforesaid, if no suite thereupon bee taken by none of theim, in lawme a-boue declared, be utterly excluded and debarr'd of their said suites actions informations and examinations to theim given by vertue of this said act: and the parties and every of theim so offending, shall be of all furthe offences and forsaithes clerely discharged and quyte: any thing in this act comprised to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alwaies and bee it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this present act, ne any thing therein contained, shall in any wise extend or be prejudiciall vnto the kynges subiectes residing or inhabiting nere vnto the costes of the sea in any part of this realme, they howles being not above fyve myles distant from the same costes: Nor also to any of the kynges sayed subiectes, inhabiting within xii. myles of the borders of Scotlande: Nor to any the kynges subiectes inhabitants of the towne and marches of Calpes, Nor to any of the inhabitants of the pyles of Gerssey, Gernessey, Anglesey, and the Iles of Wight and Man, but that it shall be lawfull for euery of the said inhabitants at all tymes hereafter, to haue, exercise, and vse theyr handegounnes, hagbuttes, and dimy hakes, of the lengths aboue said, within the lymytes and Iles abovesaid, in what it be at no maner of deere, beeton, chonclarde, lesaunt, partridge, wyld swanne, or wyld elke, or any of them, this present act or any thing therein conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Provided also that this act ne any thing therein conteyned, bee in any wise hurtfull or prejudiciall to any seruaunt or person, that hereafter from the sayd last daie of June, shall vende, beare carie, charge, vse or assaie, any crossebow or any handgunne, dimy hake or hagbutte, of the lengths abovesaid, by the commaundement of his lord or maister, so that the said seruaunt or person do not shoote at any foule, deere, or other game: of what kynde or nature so euer they be of, nor also to any suche seruaunte person or personnes, that shall after the said last daie of June, beare or conuey any crossebow, handegounne, hagbutte, or dimy hake, of the lengths aforesaid, to any place or places by the commaundemente of his lord or maister, that maie shote by auctoritie of this act, to bee amended, repaired deliuered, or assaied, so that the said seruaunte or other personne, by bringyng or conueying the said crossebow handegounne hagbutte or dimy hake, haue redy to shewe to euery personne, requirynge the syghte thereof, one lictence in wytyng sealed or subscribed by his said lord or maister, to carie and conuey the same crossebowe, handegounne, hagbutte or dimy hake, to the entente to bee amended, repaired, assaied or deliuered, as is aforesaid.

¶ Provided alwaies, that this acte, or any thinge therein conteyned, shall not extend to any owner of any shyppe, for hauning or heping of any handegounne, hagbutte, or dimy hake, of the seuerall lengths in this

act expressed, or vnder, only to be had & occupied within any their shyppe or other vessel, or for the carriage and recarriage of them or any of them on land, or keeping of them, for the onely exercise and occupying of them within their sayed shyppe or vessel: Any thyng in this acte to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding.

An act concernynge the conueyance of brasse, latten, and bell metall ouer the sea. Cap. vii.



Where in the parliament holden at westm, the thyrde day of November, in the xxi. yere of the reygne of our soueraygne lord the kynge that now is, amongst other thynges it was enacted, that no persone or persons shoulde from thens forth carie or conuey any brasse, copper, latten, bell metall, gunne metall, ne shrosse metall in to any parte or partes beyonde the sea, vpon payne of forfayture of the sayed metall, as by the sayed acte more playnely appereth. Wherby the makynge of whiche estatute byuers personnes, as well englyshe men as straungers, haue disceptefully opteyned licences of the kynges highnes, to carie ouer bell metall, and other broken metall, furnisynge the same metalls not to be mete for makynge of gunnes, and other engines of warre, not for implementes necessary for householde, whiche surmise is proued vntreue, as the common experience therof dayly declareth: So that all other realmes and countreys bee full of artillery and munitions, and this realme lyke to lacke, if more hasty remedie to stoppe the conueyance of the same be not further prouided then is in the same act. Wherefore mate it please the kynges highnesse, and the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same to enacte, that no person nor persones from henceforth shall carie or conuey by water or other wyse, any brasse, copper, latten, bell metall, pan metall, gunne metall, nor shrosse metall, whether it be cleane or mixed (tyll and leade onely excepted) into any part beyonde the sea, or into any outward realme or dominion, what so euer it be, vpon payne to forfayte the double value of the same metall so caried and conueyed, the one halfe therof to be to the kyng our soueraygne lord, and the other to the partye that will sue for the same by writt byll plaint or informacion, in the whiche no essoyne or protection shall be allowed.

And further be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayed, for the true meaning of this estatute, that the actual discharge and deliuey of the sayed metalls in any parties beyond the sea, or in any other forzen realme or dominion, shalbe tried and determined within this realme, in suche countie or place where the sayed metall or metalles were shipped or first caried, with like pzoecs and determination as al other informations or actions bee tried and adioyged within this realme, or as the same fact had ben done within this realme and dominion.

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And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that no person nor persons at any tyme hereafter, shall shippe or carry any of the sayed metallles afoze reherced, to carry or discharge the same in any parte of this realme, onelesse suche person or persons before the shippingg thereof doe declare and manifeste vnto the customer of suche port or crycke, where the same metall shall be shipped, the true weight of all suche metall as shalbe shipped, and also shall make a sufficient obligation in the lawe, in the whiche he shall be bounden to the sayed customer to the kynges vse, in suche summe as shall amounte to the double value of the sayed metall, so declared and manifested, with condicion, that the same shall be discharged at some port or crycke within this realme, and in no other place, vpon payne to forsaite the same, in maner and fourme aboue reherced. And that euery suche person or persons, that shall shippe suche metallles, and be and shalbe bounden as is afoze sayd, shall within eyght monethes next after the shippingg thereof, byng a true certificate from the customer of the port cricke or place, where he or they shall happen to discharge the same metall, testifying that the same metall so shipped, and the true weyght thereof, is there discharged: which certificate the customer of suche place, where the sayed metall shall be discharged, shal vpon the discharge thereof, make and deliuer to the partie so discharging, or to his factour without any delay.

And bee it further enacted, that if any customer or his deputie, by couyn or by any other vndue meane, dooe make any false, or vnttrue certificat concerning the sayed discharging of suche metall, contrarie to the trewe meaning of this act, that then suche customer, so falselie or vnttruely certifying, as is aforesaid, shall lose his office, and also the value of the goodes so conceled out of the sayd certificate.

Provided alwaye that if the sayed metall by tempeste of wether be drowned, or by enemies or pirates robbed and spoyled, and that sufficiently proued without fraude or couyn befoze the customer and omptroller, or their sufficient deputies, in the port where the partie or parties so shipped the metallles afoze sayed or any of them, by the sayed partie or parties or they; executors, that then he or they so byngng suche sufficient prouers, shall haue his obligation to hym deliuered, or elles he and his executors thereof to bee acquitted and clerely discharged, any thyng in this acte to the contrary conteyned not withstanding.

Provided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that this act shall only take his effect and be put in execution from and after the first date of April next commyng.

An act against conspiracions, witchcraftes, sozcery, and enchaunementes. Cap. viii.

Vherebyuerse and sondry persones vnlawfully haue deuised and practised inuocacions and conjuracions of spirites, pretendinge by such meanes to vnderstande and gette knowledge for theyr owne lucre, in

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what place treasure of gold and syluer shoulde oꝛ mought be founde oꝛ had in the earth oꝛ other secrete places, and also haue vbled and occupied witchcraftes inchauntementes & sozceries, to the destruction of theiꝝ neyghbours persons and goodes: And foꝛ execution of theiꝝ said false deuises and practises haue made oꝛ caused to be made vpietys ymages and pictures of men, women, chyldren, angels, oꝛ diuels, beastes oꝛ foules, and also haue made crownes, scepters, swozdes, rynges, glasses, and other thynges: And getting sayth and credit to suche fantasticall practises, haue dygged vp and pulled downe an infinite number of crosses within this realme, and taken vpon them to declare and tel where thynges lost oꝛ stolen shoulde be become, which thynges can not be vbled and exercised, but to the great offence of goddes lawe, hurt and damage of the kynges subiectes, and losse of the soules of such offendours, to the great dishonour of god, infamy and dysquietnes of the realme. Foꝛ refoꝛmacion wherof be it enacted by the kyng our soueraygne loꝛde, with the assent of the loꝛdes spirituall and tempozall, and the comons in this pꝛesent parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that if any person oꝛ persons, after the fyfthe daie of May nexte commyng, vbledeuise practise oꝛ exercise, oꝛ cause to be vbled deuised practised oꝛ exercised any inuocacions oꝛ conuocacions of spirites witchcraftes enchauntementes oꝛ sozceries, to the intent to get oꝛ fynde money oꝛ treasure, oꝛ to waste consume oꝛ destrope any person in his body members oꝛ goodes, oꝛ to pꝛouoke any person to vnlawfull loue, oꝛ foꝛ any other vnlawfull entent oꝛ purpose, oꝛ by occasion oꝛ colour of suche thynges, oꝛ any of them, oꝛ foꝛ despite of Christ, oꝛ foꝛ lurre of money, dyg vp oꝛ pull downe any crosse oꝛ crosses, oꝛ by suche inuocacions oꝛ conuocacions of spirites witchcraftes enchauntementes oꝛ sozcery, oꝛ any of them, take vpon them to tell oꝛ declare where goodes stolen oꝛ lost shall be become: That then all and euery suche offence and offences, from the saied fyfthe daie of Maye next commyng, shalbe deemed and adyudged felony: And that all and euery person and persones offending as is aboue sayde, theiꝝ counsailours abettours and pꝛocurers and euery of them, from the saied fyfthe daie of Maye, shall be deemed accepted and adyudged a felon and felones. And the offender and offenders contrary to this act, beyng thereof lawfully conuicted befoꝛe suche as shall haue power and auctorite to here and determine felonies, shall haue and suffer suche paynes of death, losse and forsaitures of their landes tenementes goodes and catals, as in cases of felony by the course of the comon lawes of this realme, and also shall lose pꝛiuelege of clergy and sanctuary.

CIn acte foꝛ the maintenaunce of artillary, debarring
vnlawfull games. Cap. ix.

MOST humbly complaynyng shewe vnto your highnes your
dayly dyatours the bowyers, fletcheres, stryngers, and arrow
heade makers of this your realme, that where foꝛ the aduancement
and maintenaunce of archery, the better to bee maynteyned

ned and had within the same, and for the aduocypng of diuers and many be-
 lefull games and playes, occupied and practised within this realme, to the
 great hurt and let of shotyng and archery, dyuers good and laudfull statu-
 tes haue ben deuysed enacted & made, amongst whiche one was made in a
 parliamēt holdē at westm, in the thyrde yere of your most graciouse reygne,
 and the same act made perpetuall in the parliament there holden, in the .vi.
 yere of your sayd reygne, the whiche good and laudable act not withstan-
 dyng dyuers and many subtyll inuentatiue and crafty persons, intendyng
 to destroude the same estatutes, sythen the makyng therof, haue founde an-
 dayly fynd many and sondy new and crafty games and playes, as logatynge
 in the fieldes, wyde thyrst, other wyse called shoue grote, as well within the
 cite of London as elles where in many other and dyuers parties of this re-
 alme, keepyng houses playes and aleys for the maintenaunce therof: by rea-
 son wherof archery is soze decayed, and dayly is lyke to bee moze and moze
 diminished, and dyuers bowyers and fletchers, for lacke of worke, gone and
 inhabyt them selues in Scotland and other places out of this realme, then
 workyng and teachyng their science to the puillance of the same, to the grea-
 tecomfort of straungers, and dettymēte of this realme. And where also your
 graces subiectes, bowyers fletchers and other artificers afore named, from
 tyme to tyme resorte repayre and come out of all places of this your realme
 vnto the cite of London, for la- ke of luyng, and doe inhabit nigh the same
 cite, or in the suburbs of the same cite, and in stretes & lanes of the same
 cite, beyng no free men of the same cite, nor bearyng nother scot nor o-
 ther charges within your said cite, as other citizens and fre men of the same
 cite do and are bound to do, and by theyr othes are sworne to do, and which
 citizens and free men of your said cite of the misteries and craftes before
 rehearsed, whiche haue ben brought by as pzentises from their pouth, dwel-
 lyng within the fredome of your said cite of London, are alwaies in readi-
 nes to furnyssh your graces affayres whan they shalbe commaunded: By
 reason of the whiche resorte and abode of suche foreynes and straungers, of
 the misteries and craftes before rehearsed in the suburbs stretes and lanes
 of the same cite, other cities townes villages & places within this realme,
 remaine and be vnfurnysshed of artificers and craftes men before rehearsed,
 to the great decay of the archery of this realme. And so; so muche as it appe-
 reth by the preamble of the said statute, enacted the sayd thyrde yere, which
 was establisshed and made perpetuall in the foresayd .vi. yere of your most
 graciouse reygne, that your highnes, callyng to your most noble and grac-
 ious remembraunce, that by the seate and exercyse of the subiectes of this your
 realme, in shotyng in longe bowes, there hath continually growen and ben
 within the same great number and multitude of good archers, whiche hath
 not onely defended this realme, and the subiectes thereof against the cruel
 malice and daungier of their outwarde enemies in tyme heretofore past,
 but also with littell number & puillance, in regarde, haue done many no-
 table actes and discomfitures of warre, agaynst the infidels, and other, and
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furthermoze subdued and reduced byuers and many regions and cuntreys
 to theyr due obeyſance, to the great honour ſame and ſuerie of this realme
 and ſubiectes, and to the terrible dread and feare of all ſtrange nations, any
 thing to attempt or dooe to the hurt or damage of them or any of them: yet
 neuer the leſſe archerye, and ſhotinge in longe bowes, was littell uſed, but
 dayely byd miniſhe decaye and abate moze and moze, for that moche partie
 of the comminalltie and poze people of the realme, wherby of olde tyme the
 great number and ſubſtaunce of archers hath growen and multiplied, were
 not of power or ability to bye them longe bowes of ewe, to exerciſe ſhotinge
 in the ſame, and to ſuſteyne the continuall charge therof, and alſo by mea-
 nes and occaſion of cuſtomable vſage of tennis play boules cloſthe and o-
 ther vnlaufull games prohibite by many good and beneficiall eſtates, by
 auctoritie of parliament in that behalfe prouided and made, great impoue-
 riſhment hath enſued, and many heynouſe murders robberies and felonies
 were committed and done, and alſo the diuine ſeruite by ſuche myſdoers on
 holy and feſtiuall dayes not harde or ſolemnized, to the highe diſpleaſure of
 almighty god, as by the ſoſeyde preamble moze playnly maie appere. It
 may theſeſo be enacted by your highnes, the lordes ſpiritual and tempo-
 rall, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by the au-
 thoꝛprie of the ſame, that euerye man, beyng the kynges ſubiecte, not lame
 decrepit nor maimed, nor hauyng any other laſull or reaſonable cauſe or
 impediment, beyng within the age of. lxx. yerres (excepte ſpiritual men, iu-
 ſtices of the one bench and of the other, iuſtices of the aſſiſe, and barons of
 the Cheker) ſhall from the feaſte of Pentecoſte nexte comyng vſe and ex-
 erciſe ſhooting in longe bowes, and alſo haue a bowe and arrowes redy con-
 tinually in his houſe to vſe him ſelfe and do vſe him ſelfe in ſhooting: And
 alſo the father gouernours and rulers of ſuche as be of tender age, do tea-
 che and byngge vp them in the knowledge of the ſame ſhooting: And that
 euerye man, hauyng a man childe or men chuldren in his houſe, ſhall pro-
 uide or buye and haue in his houſe, for euery man childe, beyng of the age
 of. vii. yerres and aboue, till he ſhall come to the age of. xii. yerres, a bowe
 and two ſhaftes, to induce and lerne them and byngge them vp in ſhooting,
 and ſhall deliuer al the ſame bowe & arrowes to the ſame yonge men, to vſe
 and occupie. And yf the ſame yonge men be ſeruauntes, that then their mai-
 ſters ſhall abate the money, that they ſhall paie for the ſame bowes and ar-
 rowes of their wages. And after all ſuche yonge men ſhall come to the age
 of. xii. yerres, euerye of them ſhall prouide and haue a bowe, and. iiii. ar-
 rowes continually for him ſelfe at his proper coſtes and charges: or els of the
 giſte or prouiſion of his frendes, and vſe and occupie the ſame in ſhooting,
 as is befoze reherſed. And yf the maſter ſuffer any of his ſeruauntes, takyng
 wages, beynge in his houſholde, and vnder the age of. xii. yerres, or the fa-
 ther ſuffer any of his ſonnes, beynge in his houſholde, and vnder the age of
 xii. yerres, to lacke a bowe and two arrowes, contrarie to the ſourthe of this
 ſtatute, by the ſpace of one monethe together: then the maſter or father,

in whom suche negligence shall be, shall for every suche default forsayt. vi. s. viii. d. And that every seruante, passinge the age of. xviij. yerres, and vnder the age of. lx. yerres, and takinge wages, whiche can oꝝ is able to shoote, and shall lacke a bowe and. iiii. arrowes, by the space of one monethe together, shall for everye suche defaute forsaite and lose. vi. s. viii. d.

CBe it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that no man, vnder the age of. xliii. yerres, shall shoote at any standinge pycke, excepte it be for a roner, wherat he shal chage at every shoote his marke, vpon paine for every shoote dooinge the contrarie. iiii. d. And that no other person aboue the saide age of. xliii. yerres, shall shoote at any marke of. xi. score pades oꝝ vnder, with any pycke shaft oꝝ flight, vnder the paine to forsaite for every shoote. vi. s. viii. d. And that no persone, vnder the age of. xviij. yerres, excepte he oꝝ his father oꝝ mother haue landes oꝝ tenementes to the yerely value of. x. li. oꝝ be worth in mouables the summe of. xl. markes sterling, shall shoote in any bowe of ewe whiche shall be boughte for hym after the feast of the purification of our lady by nexte commynge, vnder the payne to lose and forsaite. vi. s. viii. d. And also that buttes be made on this syde the feaste of sayncte Michell the archangell next comminge, in every cite towne and place by the inhabitantes of everye suche cite towne and place, accoꝝdyng to the lawe of auncient time vsed. And that the inhabitantes and dwellers in euerye of them be compelled to make & continue suche buttes, vpon payne to forsaite for euerye thre monethes so lackinge. xx. s. And that the sayd inhabitantes shal exercyse them selfe with longe bowes in shooting at the same, and els where, in holy daies & other tymes couenients. **A**nd to the intent that every person maye haue bowes of meane pryce, be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that every bowyer, dwelling out of the cite and suburges of London, shal after the sayd feaste of the Purification of our lady nexte commynge, for every bowe that he maketh of ewe, make. iiii. other bowes mete to shoote in, of elme, wyche, hawthorn, ashe, oꝝ other wood apte for the same, vnder the payne to lose and forsayt for everye suche bowe so lackinge. iii. s. iiii. d. And every bowyer, dwelling within the sayd cite oꝝ suburges of London, shal after the sayd feast of the Purification of our lady nexte commynge, for euery bowe of ewe that he shall make, shall also make two other bowes apte for shootinge, of ashe elme wyche hawthorn oꝝ other woode mete for the same, vnder lyke payne and forsaite.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no bowyer shall sell any bowe of ewe, for any persone, beyng betweene the age of. viij. yerres, and. xliii. yerres, aboue the pryce of. xii. d. And that the same bowyers shall haue bowes of ewe of all pryces from. vi. d. the piere, to. xii. d. the piere, for yowthe betwene the sayde ages of. viij. yerres and. xliii. yerres. And likewise haue bowes of ewe for yowthe betwene the age of. xliii. yerres, and. xxi. yerres, and shall sell the same at reasonable pryces. And moze ouer that no bowyer shall sell oꝝ put to sale to any the kynges subiectes, any bowe of ewe of the tyme called elbe, aboue the pryce of. iii. s. iiii. d. vnder the payne to forsaite

xx. s. for every bowe solde to the contrary, above the sayd p^{re}ce of iii. s. iii. d. as appereth by a statute made in 5. xii. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the iii. the fourth chapter. And that all bowe staves of ewe, hereafter to be brought into this realme, shall be solde open and not in bundells nor close, to the intente the buyers of them maye have perfecte knowledge of the goodnes of them, and give the better p^{re}ce for them, if they be so worthe.

And further more be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that fletchers of London, & the suburbs of the same, may at theyr libertie sell reasonable timber to every fletcher of the countrey, without fallinge into any penaltie, or daungier to any of their wardens for so doing, & that all ordinaunces & other lawes made or to be made by their wardens, or other wyle to the contrary, shall be from henceforth clerely frustrate and void.

And also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the bowyers, fletchers stringers and arrow head makers, repaying and resorpyng vnto the sayd citie or the suburbs of the same, and there making theyr dwelling or abiding, being not free men of the sayd citie, bearinge nother scot nor lot within the sayd citie, shall at all tymes, by the appointment of your graces most honorable counsaile, the lord Chancellor of England, for the tyme being, lord treasurer, or the lord priue seale, or one of them, go & inhabit suche cities boroughes and townes, as be destitute of such artificers, and there to exercise occupy and practise theyr said craftes and faculties for the maintenance of artillery and archerie. And if any suche person, to whome warnynge shall be so given by the kinges most honorable counsaile, the lord Chancellor, the lord treasurer, or the lord priue seale, as is aforesaid, to departe vnto other townes or places of the sayd realme of Englande, from the said citie of London, the suburbs stretes lanes and places nere the same, refuse to accomplysh the same, that then he or they so refusinge, shall forfeite for every daye that he shall make his abode contrarie to this acte. xl. s.

Be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no strainger boine out of the kynges obersaunce, nor beinge denizen, shall conuey or do to be conveyed give sell or exchange into any parties out of the kynges obersaunce, any longe bowes arrowes or mastes, without the kynges speciall lycence, vppon payne of forfeiture of the same, where so euer they shall be taken, or the value therof, within the kynges power, and vppon payne of imprisonment without bayle or maynpryse, vnto suche tyme he or they so beinge in ward, haue made a reasonable fyne to the kinge for his or theyr offences; also the Justices of peace, or ii. of them in theyr sessions in the same countie, where he or they shall be committed to ward, or fynde sufficient suretie for the payment of the same fyne. And that no maner of persone, not beinge boine within the kynges obersaunce, nor made denizen, vse within the kynges obersaunce shooting with longe bowes, without the kynges licence, vppon payne of forfeiture suche bowes arrowes and mastes as they shall be founden so shooting with: and every of the kinges subiectes maye have auctoritie to take and seple the same forfeitures to his owne vse. And that su-

Justices of assise of gaile delivuerer, iustices of peace, and stwardes of franchises leetes & lawdaies, haue power to enquire of all the premises in their sessions, leetes, and lawdaies, and here and determine the same, and also by their discretion, examine all persons, lachynge and not hauinge bowes shaftes and arrowes, accordinge to the fourme aforesaide.

¶ Be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that no maner of person or persons, of what degre qualitie or condition so euer he or they be, from the feast of the natiuitie of sayncte John Baptist now next comming, by hym selfe factour deputie seruant or other person, shal for his or their gayne lucre or liuyng, kepe haue holde occupie exercise or mayntayne anie common house alep or place of boulyng coptynge clothe caples halfe boule tennis by singe table or cardyng, or any other maner of game prohibyt by any estatute heretofore made, or anie vnlaful newe game now inuented or made, or any other new vnlaful game hereafter to be inuented found had or made, vpon paine to forfeit and paie for euery day, keepinge hauinge or maynteyninge, or suffering anie such game to be had kepte executed plaied or maynteyned within any such house gardeine aleie or other place, contrarie to the fourme and effecte of this estatute. xl.s. And also euerie person, vsing and hauinge anie of the said houses and plaies, and there playinge, to forfeite for euery tyme so doing. vi.s. viii.d. And if anie person hereafter sue for anie placard, to haue common gamynge in his house, contrarie to this estatute, that then it shal be contained in the same placard, what game shalbe vsed in the same house, and what persons shal plaie therat, and euery placarde graunted in the contrary, to be void: and also that the partie opteyning anie suche placarde, befoze he put the same in execucion, shal be bounde with sufficient sureties with him by recognisance in the Chauncerie in a certaine summe, to be appointed by the discretion of the lord Chauncellour of Englande, that he shal not vse the saide placarde contrarie to the fourme therof.

¶ Be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that it shalbe leaful to al and euery the iustices of peace in euerie shyre, maieres shyreffes bailiffes and other head officers, within euerie cite towne & borough within this reialme, from tyme to tyme, as well within liberties as without, as neede & cause shal require, to come enter and resorte into al and euerie houses places and alleys where suche games shalbe suspected to be holden exercised vsed or occupied contrarie to the fourme of this estatute, and as wel the keepers of the same, as also the persones there hauntinge resortyng and playinge, to take arrest and emprison, and them so taken and arrested, to kepe in prysone vnto suche tyme as the keepers & mainteyners of the saide plays and games haue founde sureties to the kynges vse, to be bound by recognisance or otherwys no longer to vse kepe or occupie any suche house place game alep or place: & also that the persons there so founde be in lyke case troubled by them selves, or els with sureties, by the discretion of the Justices maieres shyreffes bailiffes or other head officers, no more to plaie haunt or exercise from thence forth, in at or to anie of the saide places, or at any of the saide games.

Also be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the mayres shyppes bayliffes constables and other heade officers, within euery cite, borough and towne within this realme, where any suche officers shall fortune to bee, as well within the franchises as without, shall make due serche weekly, or at the furthest at all tymes hereafter ones every moneth, in all places where any suche houses alepes places or places shall be suspected to be had kept and maynteyned. And if the said mayres shyppes bayliffes constables or other head officers within their cities boroughes and townes, as well within franchises as without, doe not make due serche at the furthest ones every moneth, if the case so requyre, accordyng to the tenour of this act, and doe not execute the same in all thynges accordyng to the purpote and force of the same, that then every suche mayre shyppes bayliffes constable or other heade officer, to paie and forsaite for every moneth, not makynge suche serche, nor executyng the same. *cl. s.*

Be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no maner of artificer or crafter man of any handy craft or occupation, husbando man, appyntee labourer, seruant at husbando, journey man or seruant of artificer, mayners shermen watermen or any seruyng man, shall from the said feast of the Nativite of sainte John Baptiste, plaie at the tables tenys dyce cardes bowles clothe cotinge loggynge, or any other vnlawfull game, out of Christmas, vnder the peyne of *xx. s.* to be forsaite for every tyme, and in Christmas, to plaie at any of the sayd games in their masters houses, or in theyr masters presence. And also that no maner of person shall at any tyme plaie at any boule or bowles in open places out of his gardeyn or orchard, vnder the peyne for every tyme so offendyng to forsaite. *vi. s. dist. d.* And that all Iustices of peace mayres bayliffes sherriffes and all other heade officers, and every of them, findyng or knowyng any maner person or persones, bypnyng or exercysyng any vnlawfull games, contrary to this present estatute, shall have full power and auctoritie to comitt every suche offender to ward, there to remayne without baile or maynpysse, vntyll suche tyme that they so offendyng, bee bounden by obligation to the hynges vntyll, in suche summes of money, as by the discrecion of the said iustices mayres bayliffes or other heade officers, shall be thought reasonable, that they or any of them shall not from thensforth vntyll suche vnlawfull games.

Be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all other statutes made for the restraint of vnlawfull games, or for the mayntenance of artillery as touchyng the penalties or forsaitures of the same, shall be from henceforth utterly void. And that all informations poyntes actions or suppes that shall be taken or sued vpon any part of this estatute, shall be commenced within the yere after the offence committed and done, or otherwise no advantage or suite therof to be taken. And where any suche forsaitures shall happen to bee founde within the perynt of any franchise lete or lawday, then the lord of the same franchise lete or lawday, to have the one moitie therof, and the other moitie therof to any of the hynges subiectes that will sue

ſue for the ſame, in any of the hyngeſ courts, by action information bill
or otherwiſe, in whiche action or ſuite the defendaunte ſhall not be ad-
mitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection nor eſſoyne ſhall bee allowed: And
where ſuche ſoꝛſapure ſhall be founden out of the precincte of any traun-
chpſe lete or lawdaie, that the moꝛtie of all ſuche ſoꝛſapures ſhall be to the
hynge our ſoueraigne loꝛde, and the other moꝛtie thereof to any the hyn-
ges ſubiectes that will ſue for the ſame, by bill plaint action information
or otherwiſe in any of the hyngeſ courts, in whiche ſapre or action the de-
fendant ſhall not be admitted to wage his law, nor any protection or eſſoyne
ſhall be allowed.

And to the intente that every perſone maie have knowledge of this act,
and avoide the daungers and penalties of the ſame, bee it enacted by the
auctoritie afoꝛſaied, that all mayꝛes bayliffes ſhyꝛffes and all other heade
offycers, ſhall foure tymes in the yere, that is to ſaie, every quarter ones,
make open proclamation of this preſente act in every markette to bee hol-
den within theyꝛ ſeverall iuriſdictions and auctorities. And alſo that
the Juſtices of gaole deliuerie, aſſyſes, and Juſtices of peace dooe cauſe
the ſame to bee proclaimed in theyꝛ ſeverall circuittes and ſiſſions befoꝛe
them holden, and that this eſtature ſhall begyn to take his effect, concey-
nyng the penalties of the ſame, from the ſaped feaſt of ſapnete Johſ Baptiſt
next now next comyng, and to continue and endure ſoꝛ ever.

Provided alway and bee it enacted by the auctoritie afoꝛſaied, that if
any perſonne or perſones haue taken by leaſe, whether it be by woꝛde, wy-
tyng, or otherwiſe, any houſe aleꝝ or place, wherem any ſuche vnlawfull
game now is, and at the tyme of ſuche leaſe made was bled, that than eue-
ry ſuche leaſe ſhall at the libertie of hym or them, to whom ſuche leaſe is
made, theyꝛ executours adminiſtrators or aſſignes, from the ſaped feaſt
of the Nativite of ſapnet Johſ Baptiſt, be detelyſly voyde, excepte it bee ſoꝛ
bꝛeache of couenauntes or agreements, or payement of rente betwe or to
be due at the ſaped feaſt, or any tyme befoꝛe, ſo that than at the ſame feaſt,
or within one moneth nexte after the ſame, the ſaped leſſer geue knowledge
to ſuche leſſour or leſſours, theyꝛ heꝛes or aſſignes, that he wyl no lon-
ger occupie the ſame, and that than it ſhall be lawfull to the inheretour leſ-
ſour or owner thereof, or to his heꝛes or aſſignes, in the ſame houſe aleꝝ or
place to reenter.

Provided alſo and bee it enacted by the auctoritie afoꝛſaied, that it ſhall
be lawfull ſoꝛ every mayſter, to lycenſe his or theyꝛ ſervantes, to playe at
cardes dyſe or tables with theyꝛ ſaied maſteꝛ, or with any other gentylman
repaꝛyng to theyꝛ ſaped mayſter openly in his or theyꝛ howſe, or in his or
theyꝛ preſence, accordyng to his or theyꝛ diſcretion. And that it ſhall be leſſull
to every ſuche ſervant, ſoꝛ every tyme ſo beyng commanded or lycenſed
by his ſaped mayſter, as is afoꝛſaied, to playe at cardes dyſe or tables with
his ſaped maſteꝛ or other gentylman, ſo to hym repaꝛyng, any thyng in this
act to the contrary not withſtandpng.

Whereas also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that it shall be lawfull to euery noble man and other, hauing manours landes tenementes or other percelly poffites, for terme of yere in his owne right, or in his wyfes right, to the percelly value of a hundred pounde, or aboute, to commaunde, appoynte or licence by his or theys discretion, his or theys seruantes, or familie of his or their howse or howses, for to plaie within the precincts of his or their howses, gardenes, or orchardes, at cardes, dyce, tables boyles, or tenysse, as well amonges them selues as other repaiering to the same house or houses. And that they so plaing by commaundement appoyntment or licence, as is aforesaid, shall not incurre any daungier or penaltie correpnyed in this act for the same, this act or any thyng therein contained to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstanding.

Whereas also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all informacions actions and suites, nowe dependyng in any of the kynges courtes, for or concernyng any penaltie or forsaiteure contained in any of the said statutes, by this act repealed, and no iudgement therein yet geuen, the same informacions actions and suites shall be remaigne and stande as good and effectuell in the law, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as if this act had neuer be had made, any thyng in this acte contained to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstanding.

An act concearnyng the execution of certayne statutes. Cap. x.



How as muche as before this time diuers and sondre good lawes, statutes, prouisions, and ordinaunces haue bene made by the kynges maiestie, our naturall soueraigne lord, and other his most noble progenitours for the increase and aduancement of the publike and common wealth of this realme of Englande, and of his highnes subiectes of the same, amongest which some special notable and profitable lawes, statutes, ordinaunces and prouisions be verie requisite, conuenient, and expediente for the same comon welth duellie and diligentlie to be put in daiele exercise and execution: And suche as haue bene and be auctorised to putte in due and iust execution suche speciall and notable lawes, statutes, and ordinaunces, and to correct and punish the infringers and contemners thereof, in suche wise as is limited by the same, hath been verie remisse and negligent in dooinge their offices, to the great detriment hurt and preiudice of the common welth. For reformation whereof bes it enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lord, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all and singular the iustices of peace within any shire citie borough or place within this realme of Englande, wales, or any other the kinges dominions, shall percele at the generall sessions of the peace to be holden nexte after the

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the feast of Easter, assemble them selves together, that is to say, every number of them within the limittes of their commissions, wherein they be named Justices of peace, and at and vpon suche they assemble, shall diligently together amongst them selves peruse examine study and knowe the effectes and true ententes of the lawes statutes ordinaunces and pꝛouisions hereafter specified, that is to say, the lawes and statutes heretofore made and pꝛouided concerning or in any wyse touchyng bacaboundes, retynours, geyng lueries signes tokens or badges, mayntenance, imbracery, bolstanes, and archery, vnlafulfull games, foystallers, and regatours, vitaple bitailers and inholders and euery of them, and of al statutes and lawes made in this pꝛesent parliament, touchyng the same or any of them, and after the perusyng and deliberate vnderstandyng of the saied lawes statutes and ordinaunces, they shall deuyse amongst them selues, how the same maie be best put in due and iust execution: And for the better procedyng therein, they shall deuide and seuer them selves, limittyng and assignyng alwayes the numbꝛe of two of them at the least or moꝛe, into hundꝛedes wapentakes rapes commotis or number of towne and villages by their discrecions, And that the saied Justices so deuided, or two of them at the least, shal in euery quarter of the yere from and after the saied feast of Easter next comyng, holde and kepe within the limittes of theyꝛ diuision, one sessions besyde the generall quarter sessions for the peace, the saied one sessions to be kept and holden alwayes within the limittes of theyꝛ diuision, at and in one suche doie as by them shalbe appoynted, so that it bee alwayes syxe weekes at the least befoꝛe the quarter sessions. And that al pꝛocesse and procedynges in euery of the saied sessions so to be holden, shalbe continued from sessions to sessions. And that the saied Justices, or two of them at the least, at and in euery suche sessions, shall haue power and auctoritie to enquire, as well by the othes of xii. men, inhabitantes within the limittes of theyꝛ diuision, as by any information geuen to them by any persone or persones, of all defaultes offences and contemptes done or comitted, or hereafter to be done or comitted agaynst the forme of any of the statutes aforesaid, & to heere and determine the same, and shall also haue power and auctoritie, vpon any pꝛesentment or information touchyng the pꝛemisses, or any of them, to make pꝛocesse by Writte fac. one Capias, & an exigent vnder the seales of the same Justices or two of them, agaynst euery suche person and persones, agaynst whom any suche information or pꝛesentment shall be had for theyꝛ apparauce afoꝛe them in theyꝛ sessions to be holden as is aforesaid, to answere to suche information or pꝛesentment as shalbe there had or made. And if the person or persons accused by information or pꝛesentment, shalbe conuict vpon any suche information or pꝛesentment by confession or verdit of xii. men, that then the saied Justices of peace, or two of them, afoꝛe whom suche conuiction shalbe had, shall haue power and auctoritie to geue iudgement agaynst euery such offender and offenders so conuict, of suche peynes by imprisonment, or suche peynes losses and forsaitures of money or both, or any of them, as are limited

in the saide ſeueral ſtatutes for ſuche offences, wherof they ſhall be ſo con-
 nicted, and cauſe execution thereof to be made and had accordingly. And alſo
 the ſaide Juſtices of peace, or two of them, at and in their ſayd ſeſſions to
 be holden as is aforeſayde, ſhall haue power and auctoritie to correcte and
 reſourme the panelles of iuries for any inquires to be made afore them
 touchyng the ſayd ſtatutes or any of them, in lyke maner and ſourne as ju-
 ſtices of Gaole deliuerie and of peace may do in their ſeſſions, by vertue of
 a ſtatute thereof made in the third yere of our moſt blyſſed ſoueraygne lord
 the kynges regne that now is: and that the ſhyriffe and other miniſters,
 hauinge power to returne panelles, ſhall make his and their recournes, ac-
 cording to ſuche reſourmation and correction of the Juſtices aforeſayd, by
 pon the peyne limited by the ſame ſtatute.

And it is ordeined and enacted by auctoritie aforeſayde, that if any per-
 ſon or perſonnes be convicted as is aforeſayde, by any informacion afore the
 ſayd juſtices or two of them, within the limittes of their diuiſion: that than
 the moſtie of the paynes loſſes and forſaytures of money of the offendours
 ſo convicted, ſhalbe to the kynges maiesties uſe, and the other moſtie thereof
 to the partie that purſueth ſuch informacion, accordinge to the tenour and
 effecte of the ſayde ſeueral ſtatutes. And if any conviction be had by reaſon
 or vpon any preſentment, that than the kynges maiestie ſhall haue the hole
 paynes ſynes and forſaytures of the offendours, all which paynes ſynes loſ-
 ſes and forſaytures of money to be due to the kyng, by reaſon of any con-
 uiction, as is aforeſayde, together with all iſſues ſynes and amerciamentes
 afore the ſaide juſtices within the limittes of their diuiſion, ſhall be leuped
 by the ſhyriffe or his miniſters, by a ſcedule indented to be made betwene
 ſuche juſtices or two of them, afore whome ſuche paynes loſſes and forſay-
 tures, ſynes, iſſues and amerciamentes ſhall be loſte and forſayte, and the
 ſayde ſhyriffe, the one parte of whiche ſcedule ſhall be certified by the ſayde
 Juſtices or two of them yerely in the terme of ſainct Michael, into the kynges
 eſchequer, to the intent that the ſhyriffe ſhall there anſwere the ſame to
 the kynges uſe.

Provided alwayes and be it enacted by auctoritie aforeſayde, that every
 of the ſayd juſtices of peace ſhall haue for holding of every of their ſaid ſeſ-
 ſions, as is aforeſayde. *iii. s.* for their coſtes: and the clerke of the ſeſſions by
 them to be appointed, for the makinge and writinge of the proceſſe and ex-
 tractes of the ſeſſions for every ſeſſions. *ii. s.* to be payde by the handes of
 the ſhyriffe, of the kynges parte and poſſion of the paynes loſſes and forſay-
 tures, and of the iſſues ſynes and amerciamentes aforeſayde.

Provided alwayes that Juſtices of peace in cities boroughes and tow-
 nes corporate, not beinge ſhyres or counties of them ſelves, ſhall aſſemble
 ones in the yere with the juſtices of peace of the ſhyre, where ſuche cities
 boroughes or townes corporate be, and ſhall be limited to execute this acte
 within the cytie borough or towne corporate, where they ſhalbe juſtices of
 peace, and not els where.

Provided

Provided also, that no informacion or presentment shall be had or taken by the sayde Justices of peace, so devised by auctoritie of this acte: but for suche offences defaultes or contemptes as ben or shall be done within the limittes of thei division.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that the sayd Justices of peace so devised, or two of them within the limittes of thei division, shall have full power and auctoritie to examine inquire here and determine by informacion and triall, as aforesayd, all defaultes & contemptes, whiche after the feast of the natiuitie of our lord nexte commynge, shall be done or committed by any seruauntes, commonly called yeomen or groomes, husband men labourers and artificers or any of them, against the tenour fourme and effect of the statutes and lawes made for excessive apparell, and to correcte and punishe the offendours therein, beinge therof conuicted afoze them, as is aforesayd, accordynge to suche peines forfeitures and punishments as is limited by the sayd lawes and statutes of apparell, to be leuyed paid and certified as is aforesaid.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritie abovesaide, that as well the Justices of assise, as the Justices of Chester, and the hynges Justices of Northwales and Southwales, in all & singular thei ciuities, shall have full auctoritie and power by the force of this present acte, to enquire as wel by informacion as by presentment before them, of the defaultes contemptes omissons negligences fauours affections corrupcions and other thynges what so ever they shall be, of all and singular the sayd iustices of peace, which shall not diligently truly and duely se put & cause the sayd good lawes statutes ordinaunces and prouisions to be put in vye exercise & perfecte execution accordyng to the effectes, as well of the sayd statutes heretofore made, as of this present act, and to hereexample and determine the same, as is aforesaid, and to assesse suche fines vpon the said iustices of peace and vpon euerie of them, beinge conuicted of any defaultes negligences and offences, as is aforesaide, as to their discrecion shall be thought expedient for the qualitie and quantitie of their offences.

And be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that al shyppes bailiffes constables, hedboroughes, and all and singular other officers & ministers, what so ever, as well within libertie as without, shall be attendaunt ydinge and assisting to all and singular the sayde Justices of peace, in and for the due execution of this acte, vpon the pain to make suche fines as by the said iustices of peace or two of theym, shall be assessed to the hynges vse by thei discrecions.

Provided alwaies that this statute shall not bynde any iustice of peace or of Quorum, to assemble or execute any thinge in this act, or in any other shyre citie borough or place, then in suche shyre citie borough or place, where he shall be resident and dwellinge at the tyme when suche assemble shall be made by vertue of this acte.

Provided also that suche lordes and other, whiche beynge iustice of peace

or Quorum, be or shalbe of the kynges private counsaile, attendant vpon his totall person, or any principall officer of his highnes house, attendaunt vpon his office, and other whiche shal happen to be occupied in his highnes service, by his maiesties commandement, shal not be compellid to assemble with the iustices of peace or Quorum, in any Wyte, tyme or borough, or other wyse bounden to doe or exercise by auctoritie of this acte, than they be bounde to do afore the makinge of this acte, any thyng or thinges conteyned in this acte to the contrary notwithstandinge.

Provyded also that the iustices of eyther bench, barons of the kynges eschequer, the kynges attourney and solicitor, and all other iustices officers and ministers, beinge bounden to attende at the termes, shal not duringe theyr suche attendaunce, be compellid to holde or kepe any sessions in the tymes deuised to them, vpon the assemblies of the iustices of peace as is aforesaide.

And to thintente that the said iustices barons and all other officers and ministers aforesaide, may the better be ones in the yere at euery assemble aforesaide, It is therfore ordeyned by auctoritie of this acte, that the quarter sessions, holden after Easter, shal be perely kept vpon the twelveday nexte after Lowsonday in euery Wyte of this realme, wales, and other the kynges dominions.

Provyded alwaye that this acte or any thinge therein conteyned shal not in any wyse extende to the countie Palantyne of Beram, within the countie of Northumberland, ne to the countie Palantyne of Ely, within the countie of Cambridge, nor to any towne corporate or libertie within eyther of the saide counties palantines, hauing iustices of peace, for or concerninge the extractinge returninge certifyinge or leuyng of any issues fines forsaitures amerclamentes or penalties to be assessed or taxed vpon any person or persons, in any sessions to be holden within the saide countie palantines or eyther of them, or within any towne corporate, sperate and breyng within eyther of the saide countie palantines: but that the same issues fines forsaitures amerclamentes and penalties & euery of them, may be assessed taxed extracted returned certified and leued, from tyme to tyme hereafter in suche manner and fourme to all intents and purposes, as they and euery of them, haue ben vsed to be assessed taxed extracted returned certified and leued at any tyme before the makinge of this acte, or shuld be assessed taxed extracted returned certified and leued, if this sayde acte hadde neuer ben had or made, this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary notwithstandinge.

Provyded alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that iustices of the peace within any Wyte of this realme of Englande and wales, shal not be compellid by vertue of this acte to assemble them selues for the execution of this acte for this present yere, before the nexte generall assises to be holden within euery suche countie, before the feast of saynt Michell the archaungell nexte comynge, but that they and euery of them shal be compelled

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compelled upon lyke peine, mentioned in this acte, to assemble them selues at the sayd generall assises for the execution of the same, for this present personellie, according to the purpote tenour and trewe meaninge of this acte, any thinge in this acte to the contrarie notwithstandinge.

¶ Provided alwaie, that this acte or any thinge therein contained, shal not in any wise extende or be prejudiciall or hurtfull to the countie Palantyne and Duchie of Lancaster, or any towne corporate within the same countie Palantyne and Duchie, havinge iustices of the peace, for or concerninge the extractinge retourninge certifyinge or leuynge of any pssues fines forsaitures amerciamentes or penalties, to be taxed or assessed upon any persone or persons, in any sessions to be holden within the saide countie palantyne and Duchie of Lancaster, or townes corporate parcell of the same Duchie, by vertue of this acte, but that the same pssues synes forsaitures amerciamentes, and penalties shal and maye be extracted returned certified or leued from tyme to tyme in suche maner and forme, to all intentes and purposes, as they haue vled to be extracted returned certified and leued at any tyme befoze the makinge of this acte, this acte or any thyng therein contained to the contrarie notwithstandinge.

¶ Provided alwaie, and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that all pssues, synes, amerciamentes, and forsaitures, tyllinge and growynge by vertue of this present acte, within any of the seuerall liberties franchises or temporall iurisdiccions, whiche bene seuerally appoynted and assigned to the surueie or der and gouernance of the kynge our soueraygne lordes seuerall courtes of the augmentacions of the reuenues of his crowne, and of the generall Dutieours of the kynges landes, shalbe claymed & allowed and also collected and leued by the kynges bayliffes or other officers of the same liberties franchises & iurisdiccions for the tyme beyng, and shal be seuerally answered to the king in the same seuerall courtes after and according to such sort and order as other pssues fines amerciamentes and forsaitures within the same seuerall liberties franchises and iurisdiccions at this present tyme bene or ought to be claymed allowed and answered, any thinge in this present acte to the contrarie notwithstandinge.

¶ Provided alwaie and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the iustices of peace in euery of the Wyres in Southwales and Northwales, and countie palantyne of Chester, accordinge to their lymitacion, shal and may certifye al the streytes by them to be made in maner and forme as is aforesayde, to & aforesuch chamberlaine or chamberlaynes, chauncellour or chauncellours, auditour or auditours, in suche place or places as by the kynges maiestie is or hereafter shal be appointed or assigned for herynge and determininge of the shireffes accomptes, in euery of the sayde shires in wales, or countie palantyne aforesayde, any thyng in this acte mentioned to the contrarie notwithstandinge.

¶ Provided alwaie, that this acte or any thinge therein contained, shal not in any wise extend to the countie palantyne and countie of Durham, or to any

any towne corporate within the same countie Palatynne or cōfesse, having iustices of peace, for and concerning the exactynge retournynge certifying or leuyng of any p̄sues fines forfaytures amerciamentes or penalties to be assessed or taxed vpon any persone or persones, in any sessions to be holden within the said countie palatynne or countie of Durham, or with in any towne corporate, corporate and being within either of the said countie palatynne or countie, but that the same p̄sues fines forfaytures amerciamentes or penalties and every of them, may be assessed taxed extracted retourned certified and leued from tyme to tyme hereafter, in suche maner and forme to all intentes and purposes, as they and every of them have ben used to be assessed taxed extracted retourned certified and leued, at any tyme before the making of this act, or shoulde be assessed taxed extracted retourned certified and leued, if this said acte had never ben had or made: this acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Provided also and be it enacted, that this act or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extend to the Barons or inhabitants of or within the same portes or their members, or to any of them, to compell or constrain them or any or them to assemble them selves with any the Justices of the peace, out of their said portes or members and the liberties of the same, or for or concerning the exactynge of fines issues forfaytures and amerciamentes to be sette lost or assessed by vertue of this act within the liberties aforesaid: but that they and every of them shall and may assemble them selves together at suche place and places, within their liberties, for the exactynge of this act, as to them shalbe thought most convenient, and to divide them selves after suche facion as they shall thinke best and most requisite for the executynge of this statute in this act mentioned: And may and shall take suche fines issues forfaytures and amerciamentes, and every of them as shall be sette lost and assessed by vertue of this act, in suche maner and forme, and to suche uses purposes and intentes, as they or any of them lawfully shoulde might or ought to have hadde before the making of this act, this acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Provided also, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, bee not at any tyme hereafter in any wise prejudiciall or hurtfull to any persone or persones, bodies polityke or corporate, to theyr heyres or successours, or to the heyres or successours of any of them, for or concerning any theyr lawfull rightes titles interest or clamours, of in or to any manner of p̄sues fines amerciamentes penalties or other forfaytures, in any wise to be assessed lost or forfayted, before any iustices of peace at their sessions hereafter to be holden or kept in any shires, citie, borough, or towne corporate within this realme of Englands, by vertue or auctorite of this acte, but that every suche persone or persones, bodies polityke and corporate, theyr heyres and successours, or the heyres and successours of every of them, and theyr lawfull deputies in suche behalfe, shall and may at all tymes hereafter,

after assesse, taxe, extracte, retourne, leuie, clayme, haue, and enioy all manner suche issues, fines, amerciamentes, forsaitures, and other penalties and curry of them, to all suche uses and purposes, and in lyke manner and fourme in euery behalfe, as they or any of them haue lawfully vsed to dooe and haue, or might haue dooen and had, at any tyme before the making of this present act, by vertue of any graunte to them or any of them heretofore made or graunted, or otherwys by vertue of any custome or lawfull vsage thereof heretofore vsed in euery behalfe, this act or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ This act to continue to the later ende of the next parliament.

¶ In act for bouchers to sell at theyr libertie
by weight or othewyse. Cap. xi.



A humble wysse shewen vnto your highnesse the wardens maistres and scholers of bouchers of your citee of London, and all other the bouchers within this your realme of Englande, that where in your parliament holden at westm by prologacion the .xxiii. yere of your moste noble reigne, it was enacted ordeyned and establisshed by your maiestie, the lordes spirituall and temporell, and the commons in the said parliament then assembled, and by auctorite of the same parliament, that euery person, which shuld sell by him selfe or any other the carcaises of beestes of the mutton or beale, or any part or parcell thereof, after the first daie of Auguste than next ensuyng, shoulde sell the same by lefull weyght called haberdopys, and none other wyse, the said fleshe to bee cutte out in reasonable pieces, accordyng to the request of the buyer, in lyke facion as afor that tyme was vsed without fraude or couyne, and that euery persone whiche by him selfe or any other, shoulde sell any fleshe of the said carcaises, shoulde haue with him wher he shoulde make sale of the said fleshe, sufficient beames scales and weightes sealed called haberdopys for true setting of the buyers. And that after the said first daie of Auguste no persone nor persons take or cause to be taken for any pounde weyght of fleshe of the carcaises of beeste or poxke, by him or them to bee solde, aboue the pryce of one halfpenny, nor for any pounde weyght of fleshe of the carcaises of mutton or beale, aboue the pryce of one halfpenny and halfe ferthyng, without deceytt or couyn, vpon payne to forsaie for euery pounde not solde by weyght, or aboue the said pryce limited, and for euery defauer done contrary to the true meaning of the said act. iii. s. iii. d. The one moztie thereof to bee to your highnesse, and the other moztie to the partie that will sue for the same by bill plaint or informacion, in whiche suite none elopne wages of law nor protection shulde be allowed. The heades neckes inwardes posternettes legges nor feete to be accompted as part of the carcaises aforesaid, but suche to be solde by a lower pryce, as by the said act amonge other thynges

more plainly appereth, whiche acte was in all thynges by yoursaide oratours well duelie iustelie and treuely executed accordyng to the tenour and purpote of the same, vntill your graces parliament holden at westm, by prorogacion the xxvi. yere of your moste noble reigne, at whiche tyme it was then and there, for and vpon diuers good causes and considerations, enacted ordeigned and establisshed, that from the xii. daie of Aprill, the yere of our lord god. 39. D. xxxvi. vntill the xiiii. daie of Aprill, whiche shulde be and was in the yere of our lord god. 39. D. cl. all bouchers, and other sellinge fleshe by retale, maye leasfully hyl and sell all maner byefe po:ke mutton and beale, beynge good and helthe for mannes bodie, at theyr pleasures and liberties, as frely and liberallye as they or anye of them dyd or might haue done at anye tyme before the saide estatute, made 3. xxiij. yere of your moste noble reigne, and also before an other estatute concerning the same, made the. xxv. yere of your moste noble reigne, without any losses peine imprisonment forsaithure or penaltie to be by them or anye of them, or the successours of them or any of them, had lost bo:ne or susteyned in that behalf, during the tyme before rehersed, the same estatutes or any of them to the contrarie in any wise not withstandinge. And that the same estatutes & eyther of them, and euery clause sentence & article in them or eyther of them conteyned, shulde be in suspence and not put in execution duringe the same tyme, as by the sayd act made the sayd. xxvi. yere of your moste noble reigne among other thynges more plainelie appereth: whiche actes before rehersed, concernynge the selling of fleshe by weight, as is also sayd, if they shulde hereafter be put in execution, and yoursaide oratours compelled to sel flesch by weight, accordyng to the purpote tendur and effecte of the sayde estatute made the. xxiij. yere of your moste noble reigne, shulde be to the vtter vndoinge of yoursaide oratours for euer. It may therfore please your maiestie, that it maye be by your hyghnes, and by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporell, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, ordeyned establisshed and enacted, that the saide estatutes, made in the. xxiij. and xxv. yeres of your moste noble reigne, maye be repelled, adnichilated, made frustrate, and voide agaynst your oratours, and all other your subiectes. And that it maye from henceforth be lefull vnto all yoursaide subiectes to sell theyr bytailes from tyme to tyme by them selues their wyues and seruantes, to all maner of persones that wyl bye the same, in lyke maner and forme as they might haue done before the making of the sayde estatutes or anye of them, without any daunger peyne penaltie or forsaithure to be hadde for the same, anye thinge in the saide estatutes or any of them contayned to the contrarie not withstandinge.

CIn Acte for murder and malicious bloudshed
within the court. xii.



WHERE treasons, misprisions of treasons, murders, man-
slaughters & other malicious strykings, by reason whereof
bloud is or shalbe shedde agaynst the kinges peace, ben of-
ten & many tymes done and committed within the lymittes
of þe kynges palace or house, or other house or houses, where
and when his maiestie is there demurrant and abydyng in
his owne moste royall persone, whiche offences when they be done, be best
known by his highnes officers and mynisters of his most honourable
householde, and by his maiesties seruantes in his Chequer roll: And yf his
maiestie shall happen to remoue from suche his pallace or house, or other
house or houses, where suche offences were done, befoze the tryal and deter-
mination therof, than suche offences mought not lawfully be tryed herde
and determined by and befoze the saide officers, but be remitted to be tried
and determined by the order of the common lawes of this realme: by reason
wherof the punishment of the said offenders in such cases, hath ben longe
delayed, and sometyme thes offenders forgotten and not remembred, and so
escape unpunished. Be it therefore enacted by the king our souerayne lord,
with the assent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in
this present parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that all
treasons, misprisions of treasons, murders, manslaughters, bloudshedes
and other malicious strykings, by reason wherof bloude is or shalbe shed
agaynst the kinges peace, which hath ben done syns the feast of all sayntes
last past, or hereafter shall be done within any the palaces or houses of his
highnes or his heyes, or any other house or houses, at suche tyme as his
maiestie hath ben, syns the said feast of all sayntes, or hereafter shall happen
to be than demurrant or abyding in his royal person, shall be from henceforth
enquired of, tried herde and determined within any the kynges palaces or
houses, or other house or houses, where his maiestie or his heyes shall here-
after repaize vnto, or be abydyng, in maner and fourme folowynge: That
is to say, befoze the lord great maister, or lord steward for the tyme beinge
of the kinges moste honourable householde, and of his heyes & successours:
And in the absence of the said lord great maister, or lord steward of house-
holde, befoze þe tresourer and comptroller for the tyme beinge of the kynges
most honorable householde, and of his heyes and successours, and steward
of the Marchalshy for the tyme beinge or two of them, wherof the steward of
the Marchalshy for the tyme beinge, to be one, by vertue of their offices, with-
out any commission or other auctorite or power, other then by the auctorite
of this present act to be gyven vnto them or any of them, which steward of
þe Marchalshy shall be for ever from tyme to tyme assigned and appoynted
by wytyng vnder the scale of the sayde lord great Maister or lord Stew-
ward for the tyme beyng. And whether the kynges maiestie or his heyes
hath

hath, or at any time hereafter shall be remoued from the pallace, house or houses, where suche offences were or shall bee done, or not remoued before they be enquired of tried harde and determined: yet suche offences shall by the auctoritie of this act, alwaies from henceforth bee enquired of tried hard and determined before the kynges maiestie and his heires officers & ministers of householdes before named or two of them, as is aboue said, by the inquisition and verdict of his highnes and his heires household seruantes, in his and theys Chequer rolle, in maner and forme as before and hereafter is expressed in this present act, and at suche pallace house or houses, where his maiestie or his heires shall be at any tyme hereafter demoraunt or abiding. And that al suche returns or proces, and all executions & iudgements concerning the premises, shall be had and done by the officers, before and hereafter expressed, and in maner and forme as before and hereafter in this present act is conteyned. And that all inquisitions vpon the bieu of persons slayne, or hereafter to be slayne within any the kynges said pallaces or houses, or other house or houses aforesaid, shall be by auctoritie of this act had and taken hereafter for ever, by the coroner for the tyme being of the household of our soueraigne lord the kyng or his heires, without any adioynyng or assystyng of any other coroner of any shyre within this realme, by the othe of twelue or mo of the pomen officers of the kynges and his heires most honorable householdes, retourned by the two clarkes Comptrollers, the clarkes of the chequer, and clarkes marshalles, or one of them for the tyme being of the said household, to whom the said coroner of the same household shall direct his precept, whiche coroner of our said soueraigne lord the kynges household, shall be from tyme to tyme named appointed and assigned by the said lord great maister or lord Steward for the tyme being, and that the said coroner of the said household shall from tyme to tyme for ever without delay, certifie vnder his scale, and the scales of suche persons as shall be so sworne before hym, all suche inquisitions iudgements and offices vpon the bieu of all deade bodies beeing slayne at any tyme syth the feast of all sayntes aforesaid, or whiche hereafter shall be slayne within any the kynges said pallaces or houses, or other house or houses aforesaid, before the said lord greater maister or lord Steward, & in his absence before the treasurer comptroller and Steward of the Marchalsey aforesaid, or before two of them, whereof the said Steward of the Marchalsey to be one: and that suche inquisitions and offices so certified, shall be demed adiudged and taken for ever as good and effectuell in the law, to all intentes constructions & purposes, as any inquisition taken vpon the bieu of the body of any person beeing dead, by any coroner of any countie of this realme, hath ben or shall be adiudged or taken.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the said two clarkes comptrollers, clarkes of the Chequer, and clarkes marshalles for the tyme being of the kynges said household, and of his heires, or one of them for ever, vpon a precept to them or to any of them hereafter to bee made

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by the said lord great master or lord steward, or in the absence of the said lord great master or lord steward, by the said Treasurer and Comptroller of the kinges most honourable householde, and the said steward of the Marchalsey, or by two of them, wherof the said steward of the Marchalsey, to be one, shall haue full power to summon warne and retourne the names of. xxiij. persons, beyng peomen officers of the kynges said householde, and of his heires, in the said Chequer roll, to enquire of suche treasons misprisions of treasons murders manslaughteres and other malicious strikinges, by reason wherof bloude is or shall be shed agaynst the kynges peace, befoze the said lord great master or lord steward, and in his absence befoze the said Treasurer Comptroller and steward of the Marchalsey, or befoze two of them at the least, wherof the steward to be one. And that it shall be lawfull to the said lord greatte master or lord steward, and in his absence to the said treasurer comptroller and the said steward aforesaid, or two of them, wherof the said steward to be one, befoze whom suche retournes shall be so made, as is aforesaid, to cause suche number of the said xxiij. persons so retourned aboue the number of. xij. persones, as to hym or them shall seme expedient, to enquire of suche treasons misprisions of treasons, murders, manslaughteres, and other malicious strikinges, by reason wherof bloude is or shall be shed agaynst the kynges peace within the said pallaces or houses, or other the said house or houses, lythe the said feast of all Sainctes, or at any tyme hereafter shall be committed or doone within the said pallace or houses, or other the said house or houses. And if any person or persons be indicted by the said iury, so sworne befoze them as is aforesaid, or by inquisition befoze the said cojoner of the said householde, and certified befoze the said lord great master or lord steward, or in the absence of the said lord great master or lord steward, befoze the said treasurer comptroller and steward, or befoze two of them, wherof the said steward to be one, as is aforesaid: that then immediately without delate the said lord great master or lord steward, and in his absence the said treasurer comptroller and steward, or two of them, wherof the said steward to be one, befoze whom the said presentment inquisition or indictment shall so be found or certified by the said cojoner of the same householde, shall arrayne befoze them all and euery suche person and persons so indicted, accordyng to the course of the common law of this realme, and forth with after issue ioyned betwene the king our soueraigne lord, his heires or successors and the prisoner so arraigned, the same date and place or any other date and place, at the pleasure of the said lord great master or lord steward, and in his absence at the pleasure of the said treasurer comptroller and steward of the marchalsey, or two of them, as is aforesaid, shall make an other precept to the said clarkes comptrollers, clarkes of the cheke and clarkes marchalles for the tyme beyng of the said householde, or to one of them, to summon and retourne one other iury of. xxiij. persons, to appeare befoze the said lord great master or lord steward, and in his absence befoze the said trea-

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fourer Comptroller and Steward of the Marchallsey, or before two of them, wherof the same Stewarde to be one, at suche daye tyme and place, and upon suche payne as shall be then limited and appoynted, of the seruantes and gentylmen officers of the kynges chaumber, his heires and successours, and of the saied household, which now take or hereafter shall take wages by the kynges Chequer roll. And that the saied lord graunde maister or lord Stewarde (if he be there present) or in his absence the saied tresorer Comptroller and Steward of the saied Marchallsey, or two of them, wherof the same Steward to be one, before whom suche iury shalbe so retourned, shall cause sit of the same iury to be sworne without any manner of challenge to be had or allowed for any manner of cause, to any of the saied iury (malice onely excepted) truly to trie betwene our saied soueraigne lord the kyng and his heires, and suche persone and persons, as shall be so indicted and arraigned of suche treasons misprisions of treasons murders manslaughterers, and other maliciouse strikynge, by reason wherof bloude is or shalbe shed against the kynges peace, or of any of them. And if any suche persone or persons, so indicted and arraigned, bee founde guilty of any treason misprision of treason murders or manslaughterers: that than all and euery suche persone and persons, so founde guilty, shall haue iudgement of lyfe and member, and suffer suche paynes of death, and shall forseyt all their manours landes tenementes goodes and cattails, in lyke maner and forme as if the same persone and persons had ben founde guilty of any the saied offences by the order of the common lawes of this realme, without allowing to any such person or persons so found guilty of any the same offences, the benefyt of his or theyr clergy, or priuilege of any sanctuarie. And if any personne or persones so arraigned, be founde guilty for maliciouse strikynge, by reason wherof bloude is hath ben or shal be shedde against the kynges peace, within the saied pallace or house, or any other house, or any other the saied house or houses: that than euery suche person and persons shall from henceforth haue iudgement by the sayd lord great master or lord Steward (if he be present) and in his absence by the other before named, before whom suche persone or persons shalbe so found guilty, to haue his right hand striked off, before the said lord great master or lord Steward (if he be there present) and in his absence before the saied tresorer comptroller & steward of the marchallsey, or two of the at the least, wherof the said Stewarde to be one, and at suche place and time as he or they, before whom suche person and persons shalbe so found guilty, shall appoint execution to be done, and the same execution to be done by suche person as the saied lord great master or lord Steward (if he be there present) and in his absence as the saied Tresourer Comptroller and Stewarde of the Marchallsey, or two of them, wherof the Steward to be one, shall name or appoynt, and also shall haue iudgement to haue perpetual imprisonment during his lyfe, and shall paie fyne and ransome at the kynges maiesties pleasure his heires and successours.

¶ And for the further declaration of the solempne and beloe circumstance

France of the execution apperteyning and of longe tyme used and accustomed, to & for suche malicious strikinges, by reason whereof bloud is hath ben & hereafter shalbe shed agaynst the kynges peace: It is therefore enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the sergeant or chiefe surgeon for the tyme being, or his deputie of the kynges household, his heppes and successours, shalbe redy at the place and tyme of execution, as shal be appoynted, un- asoyned, to seare the stumpe, whan the hande is so stricken of: And the ser- geant of the pantry for the tyme being of the said household, or his depu- ty, shalbe also then and there redy to geve bread to the partie, that shal have his hande so stricken of: And the sergeant of the cellar for the tyme being of the same household, or his deputie, shal also be then and there redy with a pot of redde wyne, to geve the same partie drynke, after his hande is so stricken of and the stumpe seared: And the sergeant of the Chappell for the tyme being of the same household, or his deputie, shal also be then and there redy with clothes sufficient for the surgeon to occupie about the same execution: And the yoman of the chaundry for the tyme being of the same household, or his deputie, shal also be then and there, and have in readinesse seared clothes sufficient for the surgeon to occupie about the same execution: And the mayster cooke for the tyme being of the same household, or his deputie, shal also be then and there redy, and bynge with him a dresing knyfe, and shal deliver the same knyfe at the place of execution, to the sergant of the larder for the tyme being of the same household, or to his deputie, who shalbe also then and there redy, and holde up right the said dresing knyfe till executi- on be done: And the sergeant of the pultrie, for the tyme being of the same household or his deputie, shal be also then and there redy with a cooke in his hande ready for the surgeon to wape about the same stumpe, whan the hand shalbe so stricken of. And the yoman of the scullerie for the tyme being of the same household or his deputie, to be also then and there redy, and pre- pare and make at the place of execution a pye of coles, and there to make re- dy searpyng yrons, agaynst the said surgeon or his deputie shal occupie the same: And the sergeant or chiefe ferrour, for the tyme being of the same household or his deputie, shal be also then and there redy, and bynge with him the searpyng yrons, and deliver the same to the same sergeant or chiefe surgi- on, or to his deputie whan they be hotte: And the grooms of the salcery for the tyme being of the same household or his deputie, shalbe also then & there re- dy with vineger and cold water, and geve attendance vnto the said surgeon or his deputie, vntill the same execution bee done: And the sergaunt of the wood yard for the tyme being of the same household or his deputie, shal byn- ge to the said place of execution a blocke with a betyll a staple and cordes to binde the said hand vpon the blocke while execution is in doyng.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any person or persons so indicted of treason misprision of treason murder manslaughter or other malicious striking, by reason whereof bloud is hath ben & shal be shed agaynst the kynges peace, as is aforesaid, and thereof bee arraigned, and

¶ obſtinately reſuſe to anſwere directelie to the ſame offences, whereof he or ſhe be ſo indicted, or if ſuche perſon or perſones ſo indicted and arraigned, ſtande muet, and will not ſpeake, then ſuch perſon and perſons ſo reſuſynge to anſwere, or ſtandynge muet, ſhall be convicted iudged and demed guiltie of the thinge, whereof he or they is or ſhalbe ſo indicted and arraigned, and ſhall haue iudgemente to haue lyke peines of death: and other pepnes puniſhmentes executiones forſeyntures loſſes and ſeyntures of landes tenementes goodes and cattalles for the ſame, as he or they oughte or ſhulde haue had for ſuche like offences, if he or they were or ſhuld be founde guiltie thereof by the verdict of .xii. men.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the ſaide clerkes comptrollers, clerkes of the cheque, and clerkes marſhalles, or one of them for the tyme being, ſhal from tyme to tyme name aſſigne and appoynt a cryer to make proclamacions, and to call the iuries, and to do other thinges as becometh a cryer of a court to do, belonging to that office.

¶ Provided alwaie and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that this acte beſore reheſed, concerninge malicious ſtrikynge, by reaſon whereof bloude is hath ben or ſhall be ſhed againſt the kinges peace, ne the pepnes and forſaitures beſore reheſed for the puniſhment of the ſame, ſhall not in any wyſe extende or be prejudiciall or hurtfull to any noble man, ne to any other perſon or perſonnes, that ſhall happen to ſtrike his or theyr ſervantes within the ſayde palaces or houſe, or any other houſe or houſes aforesayde, or within the lymittes of the ſame, with his or theyr handes or ſtykes, or with any ſmall ſtaffe or ſtick, for correction and puniſhment for any offences committed and doone, or to be committed and doone, ne to any of the kinges officers or ſervantes, that ſhall ſtrike any perſone within the ſame palaces or houſe, or any other houſe or houſes aforesayde, although by reaſon of the ſayd ſtroke or ſtrokes there happen to be any bloud ſhed of ſuche perſone, as ſhall be ſtriken, excepte the perſone ſo ſtriken do die of the ſame ſtroke within one yere nexte after the ſame ſtroke ſo gyven.

¶ Provided alſo and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the tryall of peeres of this realme for committynge or doynge any offences in this acte beſore mencioned, ſhall be as it hath ben uſed in tymes paſt, any thyng in this acte contained to the contrarye not withſtandynge.

¶ Provided alſo that the ſybertie and iuriſdiction of the marſhalſey courte and circuite of the birge, ſhall be in all popries privileges and auctorities uſed by the miniſters and officers of the ſame, in as full and as ample manner as it hath bene heretofore lawfully uſed, for murders, felonies, offences, and all treſpaſſes contractes and other ſutes what ſo ever they be, any thinge in this acte to the contrarye not withſtandynge.

¶ And for as muche as beſore this tyme one Richard Staunton of Lincolnes pꝛue gentelman, was commaunded and appointed by the kinges maiesty to occupy the office of the Coroner of his ſaide houſe, by force whereof he hath continued officer in the ſame by the ſpace of .xvi. yeres or moꝛe: Be it enacted

enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the sayd Richard Stauerton shal haue occupie and enioy the saide office of Coroner during his lyfe, together with all suche profits and commodities as before this tyme haue ben due and apperteyninge in anie wyse to the same. And after his deceasse the saide Coroner alwaies to be made assigned and appointed by the said lord greute maister or lord steward for the tyme being.

C And for that hereafter it myghte be doubted, how farre the lymittes and boundes of the sayde house or houses shoulde extende or to be taken, within which lymittes or boundes any the saide offences, whiche haue bene committed or done, sith the saide feast of all Saintes, or hereafter shal be committed or done, for the which all and euery persone and persons so offendinge, shulde haue and suffer the peines penalties and forsaitures, as is aforesayde: for playne declaracion therof, and for the aduoidinge of all doubtis and questions, which may hereafter happen to arise of for or vpon the same, Be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the lymittes and boundes of the saide house and houses, within whiche any the offences aforesaide, nowe committed or done sith the said feast of all Saintes, or hereafter to be committed or done, shal be punysshed as aforesayde, shal extende and bee taken within these places ensuyng, and in none other, that is to saie: within anye churche courtes places gardenes orchardes or houses, within the porters warde of anye of the house or houses aboue reherfed, or within any gardenes priue walkes orchardes nityardes woodyardes tennis plates cockefightes boulinge aleys, neer adioyninge to any of the houses aboue reherfed, and beyng parte of the same, or within two hundred footes of the standarde of any outward gate or gates of anye of the houses aboue reherfed, commonly vled for passage out or from any the house or houses aboue reherfed.

Prouided alwaies that this act shal not take effect or be put in execution tyll from and after the firste daie of Maie nexte ensuyng, excepte onelie for murders and manslaughteres, for the whiche offences of murder and manslaughter, the same to take effecte from the feast of all Saintes last past, accordinge to the tenour and effect of the saide acte.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that this acte before reherfed, concernynge malicious strykinges, by reason wherof bloud is harte ben or shal be shed against the kinges peace, ne the peynes and forsaitures before reherfed for the punishment of the same, shal not in any wyse extende or be prejudicial or hurtfull to any noble man, ne to any other person or persons, that shal happen to strike his or theyr seruantes within the sayd palaces or house, or any other house or houses, place or places aforesayd, or within the lymittes of the same, with his or their handes or fystes, or with any smal staffe or sticke, for correction & punishment, for any offences comitted and done, or to be comitted and done, ne to any of the kinges officer or officers, that in executing of his or theyr office shal strike any person or persons, with his or their handes or fystes, or with any smal staffe

or stroke, or with any staffe commonly called a tipp staffe within the same palace or house or any other pallaces or houses or places aforesaid, ne to any other personne or persones, that in doyng service at any triumph or any other tyme of service by the kynges commaundement, or of any his graces counsell, or other his graces head officers, shall happen for their executing of their saied service, to stryke any persone or persons with his or their handes or fistes, or with any small staffe or stroke, or with any staffe commonly called a tipp staffe, within the same palace or house, or any other pallaces or houses or places or places aforesaid, although by reason of the same stroke or strokes there happen to be any bloude shedde of suche person as shall be so stricken, except the persone so stricken doe die of the same stroke within one yere next after the stroke so gyven.

And also be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that if any person or persons shall from the first day of Aprill next coming, steale or feloniously take away any plate jewels or other goodes of our said souerain lord the kyng his heires or successors kynges of the valour of. xli. d. or above, or breake or enter into any the kynges houses, to the intent to steale any the kynges goodes, his heires or successors kynges, though his maiestie be absent, or any other house, while it shall fortune the same his maiestie to be lodged or abiding therein, euerye suche offence to be demed felony, and the persone or persons so offending, theyr abettours, procurers, counsellours, and receptours, therof lawfully convicted, to suffer lyke penalties forfayturs peines of death, as appertayneth to felons, without hauyng the benefite of their clergy or sanctuary, and euerye suche offendour, beinge apprehended within the verge of the kynges house, to be arraigned and tried by men of the countrey, as other offendours for offences done within the verge, before the stewarde of the saied Chancery and othes vnto him associated, are to be arraigned and tried within the same precinct.

An act concernyng certayne lordshippes translated from the countie of Denbigh, to the countie of Flint. Cap. xiii.



WHERE in the parliament holden at weſtmiſt in the .xxiii. yere of the reigne of our ſoueraigne lord kyng Henry the viii. that now is, It was amongest other enacted, that not withſtandynge. viii. countie daies in one yere, and. ix. countie daies an other yere, were before that tyme holden and kepto within the countie Palatynne of Cheſter, before the iuſtices of the ſame contie, that from that tyme forthward the ſaied iuſtices ſhoulde holde and kepe but onelie two ſeſſions euerye yere within the ſame countie, the one wherof to be kept after Michaelmas, and the other after Eſter. And that from thenceforth all the ſaied countie daies ſhoulde clerelicke ſeaſe and determine for ever, as by the ſame act at large moze playnely appereth. And ſo as muche as within the ſame countie Palatynne it hath not ben uſed nor ſeng

seene that the Shyriffe of the same county hath kept any shyre court for determination of playntes, and calling of exigendes, as is commonly vsed in other shyres of this realme, there was therfore neuer speken the making of the said acte any exigende of felony or other cause proclaimed within the said county, to the no littell hinderaunce of iustice, and to the great boldnes of offendours. For reformation wherof be it enacted by the hynges our souerayne lord, by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that the Shyriffe of the said county for the tyme being, after the feast of Easter next commyng, shalbe bounde to kepe his shyre court in the shyre hall of the said county every moneth for ever, for determination of playntes and actions vnder. cl. s. and for proclamacions and calling of exigendes and other necessary causes, as is vsed in other shyres of this realme of Englande: And that. ii. head coponers for the body of the said shyre, shall be elect and chosen by vertue of the hynges writ, De coronatoze eligendo, to be awarded out of the cisterhe of Chester, whiche coponers shalbe bound to sit with the said Shyriffe at the said courtes, to geue iudgements vpon vylaries, and to do all other chynge as apperteyneth.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that the said sessions, in forme aforesaid to be holden within the said county, shall and may be holden at such time and tymes: as by the said iustice or his deputy shalbe appointed, as well before the said feastes of Easter and Michelmas as any other time, accordyng as is most comunly vsed in other shyres of this realme, so alwaies open proclamation be therof made by the space of xii. daies at the least, before the first date of the keepyng of the same sessions.

¶ And where the lordshippes townes and hamlettes of Hope and Assaph haue of olde tyme be reputed accepted and taken as part and parcell of the countie of Flint, and so haue bene continued untill now of late, that by an act of parliament, made in the. xxvii. yere of the reygne of our moste dreadde soueraigne lord the hynges maiestie that now is, the same were assigned to the countie of Denbigh. And also where parcell of the parishes of Hawarden is at this date and of olde tyme hath ben, accepted, taken and vsed as part of the said countie of Flint, and the residue of the said parish of Hawarden is and alwaies hath ben without the pprecincte limites and iurisdiction of the same countie: Be it also enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that as wel the said lordshippes townes and hamlettes of Hope Assaph and the said hole parishes of Hawarden, together with the lordeshippe of the same, as also the lordshippes townes and parishes of Goldesdale Mersforde and Okeley, and all the landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes within the pprecincte and limites of the same, or any of them, shall from henceforth be reputed, accepted taken and adiudged to be within the said countie of Flint, as a membze parte and parcell of the same countie of Flint, and not of nor within any other countie or shyre, any statute, ordinance, law, or custome heretofore had or vsed to the contrarie therof in any

wylle not withstandynge.

¶ Provided alwayes that the inhabytauntes and tennauntes of the sayde lordshippes townes hamlettes and parishes of Hope, Blaph, Holdesdale, Wretford, and Hawarden, shall paye theyr mylles and callages, whanne and as ofte as the same shall be dewe, with the inhabytauntes of suche shyre or shires as befoze tyme hath ben accustomed. And that the sayde lordshippes of Hope, Holdesdale, Wretford, Olsere, and Hawarden, with the hole and entyre parshe of Hawarden, and all the groundes, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes within the pprecincte and lymyttes of the same, shall from hencefozthe be called taken and accepted the hundredes of the same, shall from hencefozthe be called taken and accepted the hundredes of Blaph, with all the groundes landes tenementes and hereditamentes within the pprecincte and lymyttes of the same, shall be taken, accepted, and adjudged to be as parte and parcelle of the hundred of Routhlande in the same countie.

¶ An acte concernynge false propheties. vpon declaration of names armes or badges. Cap. xiiii.



Where dyuerse and sundry personnes makynge their foundation by prophesies, haue taken vpon them a knowledge as it were what shall become of theym, whiche beare in theyr armes cognisaunce or badge, fieldes, beastes, foules, or any other thyng or thynges, whiche hath ben vsed or accustomed to be put in any of the same, or in and vpon the letters of theyr names haue drupled defrauded and practised to make folke thynke that by theyr vntreue gesses it myght be knowen, what good or euill thynges shulde come happen or be done by or to suche persons, as bare and had suche armes badges or cognisaunces, or had suche letters in theyr names, to the great peryll and distruction of suche noble personages, of whom suche false prophesies hath or shulde hereafter be set fozthe, wherby in tymes past many noble men haue suffered, & (if theyr prynce wold giue any care thereto) might happe to do hereafter. For remedy wherof be it enacted by the kynges hygheynes, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the comons of this ppresent parliament, that if any person or persons print or wypte, or elles speake syng or declare to any other person, of the kyng, or of any other person, after the fyrst day of July next comynge, any suche false propheties vpon occasion of any armes fieldes beastes foules or other suche lyke thynges, accustomed in armes cognisaunces badges or signettes, or by reason of letters of the name of the kyng, or of any other persone, to thintent to set fozthe suche prophesies: that than euery suche offence shall be demed felony, and the offendours therein, and theyr counsaillours and abettours and euery of them, bringe therof conuict by the order of the common lawe, afoze suche as haue or shall haue power and auctoritie to here and determine se-

lonies, shall suffer suche peines of death, for captures of landes tenementes goodes and cattalles, as in cases of felony at the common lawe is determined and appointed, without privilege of clergy or sanctuarie to be allowed to them or any of them.

**In acte touchinge the translation of the sanctuary from
Manchester to Westcheller. Cap. xv.**

Where at the parliament begun at Westm, the. xxviii. daye of Aprill, in the. xxii. yere of our soueraigne lord the kinges moste noble and victorious regne, and there continued by diverse prorogations vnto the. xv. daye of Maye, in the. xxii. yere of the reigne of our saide soueraigne lord the kinge, and holden vnto the. xxiii. daye of July, in the said. xxii. yere, at which day the saide parliament was by his graces auctoritie finished and ended. At which saide parliament amongst many other thinges by his highnes, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, it was enacted, that the towne of Manchester in the countie of Lanc. amongst other townes and places from thenceforth shulde be admitted allowed and taken to be sanctuary, and a place of refuge and tuition for terme of yere, of all and singular offendours and malefactours, of what so ever qualitie kinde or nature all and every their offences be, for the which saide offences and crimes the peines and punishment of death shulde ensue by the statutes lawes and customes of this realme, other then suche as by and in the said acte of parliament be expessed and forpased. And where the saide towne of Manchester is and hath of longe tyme ben a towne well inhabited, and the kinges subiectes inhabitaunces of the same towne well set a worke in makinge of clothes, as well of linnen as of wollen, wherby the inhabitaunces of the saide towne haue obteyned gotten and come vnto riches and welthy lyvinges, and haue kepte and set many artificers and poore folkes to worke within the said towne, and by reason of the grent occupieng good order strait and true dealinge of the inhabitaunces of the said towne, many strangers, as wel of Ireland as of other places within this realme, haue resorted to the saide towne with linnen yarne, wolles, and other necessary wares for makinge of clothes, to be solde there, and haue bled to credit & truste the poore inhabitaunces of the same towne, which were not able and had not redy money to paye in hande for the saide yarnes wolles and wares, vnto suche tyme the saide credites with their industry labour and paynes myght make clothes of the saide wolles yarne and other necessary wares, and solde the same, to contente and paye their creditours, wherin hath consisted muche of the common welth of the said towne, & many poore folkes had lyvinge, and children and seruantes there veruonably brought vp in honest and true labour, out of all pokenes. And for as muche as of necessitie the saide linnen yarne muste lye without as well in the night

as in the day continually for the space of one halfe yere to be whited, before
it can be made clothe, and the wollen clothes there made must hange upon
the tynner, to be dyed before it can be dyed by, and for the saulsegarde
therof it is and shalbe expedient and necessary, that substantiall honest true
and credible persons be and shuld dwell in the sayd towne, and no ma-
ner of lyght persone or persons there to be inhabitants. And where also
many straungers inhabytynge in other towncs, shoppes and places, have used
customably to resort to the sayd towne of manchester, with a great number
of cottons, to be wettred & sold to the inhabitants of the same towne, to the
great profit of al the inhabitants of the same, and thereby many poore peo-
ple have ben well set a worke, as wel with dyngg & styng of the sayd cot-
tons, as with puttyng to sale the same. And forasmuch as divers lyght and
evyll disposed persons, by the makinge of the sayd statute, for certayn of-
fences by theym committed and done, have now of late resorted and made
their abode within the saide towne of Manchester, and lyved in pbelnes, not
alonie givinge evyll occasion to honest and true labourers and servantes,
within the saide towne to lyve in such sort of pbelnes, but also have allured
and entised divers servantes and labourers, within the saide towne, to py-
casse & plaie unlawfull games, whereby they have consumed and wasted their
masters goodes being in their handes, and such that by the resort of the
saide persons to the sayd towne, there hath ben comitted and done divers
theftes and felonies, as in felonious breakeynge of doalhe milles, and stra-
lynge clothes thither brought to be fulled, & also in stealinge of yorn layd
out to be whited, and in stealinge and entryng doalhe greate peaces of clo-
thes from the tynntours, as well by nyght as by daye, to the great impou-
erishment of the owners therof, so that they be not able to kepe theyr credite
with theyr saide creditours, by reason wherof the sayd Juyfthome and other,
whiche heretofore have used to buyng & sell theyr wolles parne and other
necessary wares for makinge of clothes, to the inhabitants of the sayd towne,
and to credite them for the payment therof, as before is expressed, do now
withdawe them selves with theyr sayd wares, and will not buyng nor selle
the same wares in the sayd towne, nor to the inhabitants therof, without
ready payment in hande, and the sayd persons, whiche used to buyng & sel-
le the sayd cottons, do also withdawe them selves, whiche shal be to the
utter decay and desolacion of the sayd towne without short tyme, if the sayd
offendours and supintendour men and suche other, shall be suffered to make
theyr abode within the sayd towne. And also forasmuch as the sayd towne
of Manchester is not walled, whereby the same continually meene may or can
lawfully be kepte in the night season, but that they may and doo continually
escape out of the same to lyve by night, and commit sundry greate robberies
and felonies upon the saynges loyngt and obedient subiectes, repertynge
to the same towne, and after theyr sayd felonies and robberies so commit-
ted, may without any let or wall or fortresse enter into every part and quar-
ters of the same towne. And also for as moche as there is neyther Wapye,

Shireffe bayliffe nor other head officer or officers within the same town, whether they be sheriffs or bailiffs or other officers under the shireffe lord of the same town, by reason whereof or by whom the sayde sapientary men might be the most in dede or better punished, as in these said robberyes or couple-
 denges, nor yet any gyltlesse person might himselfe be kepte therein, after the
 sayde offences and couple denges. wherfore be it ordeined and enacted by
 the hynge our soueraygne lordes and the lordes spiritual and temporal, and
 the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by assent of the
 same, that the sayde former acte of parliament, concerninge the privilege
 sanctuary and tution for the said offenders, which was in the sayde towne
 of Manchester, shall and maye be from the feaste of the nativite of saynte
 John Baptiste nowe nexte commynge, repelled, abolished, and made fra-
 grate. And the sayde towne of Manchester from the sayde feaste of saynte
 John Baptiste, shall be of lyke condicion a state and qualite discharged of
 the sayd sanctuary and privilege, as if the same towne were before the making
 of the said former acte, any thing sentence clause or article contrayned in the
 said former acte, to the contrary notwithstanding.
 And that it maye be ordeined and enacted by the hynge our soueraygne
 lordes, and the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this pre-
 sent parliament assembled, and by assent of the same, that the cite of
 Westchester, in the countie of Cheltes, which is well inhabited, havinge
 such trade of marchandise, and hath a strange tale within the same cite
 for punishment of malefactor, and also there is in the same cite a maire,
 badasses and other head officers, amongst other townes and places from
 henceforth maye be admitted alloted and taken to be sanctuary, and a place
 of privilege and tution for terme of lyfe of all and singular offenders and
 malefactor, of what so ever qualite kynde and nature all and every the
 sayde offenders be, for the which sayde offenders and crimes, the pernes and
 punishment of deathe shoulde ensee by the statutes lawes and customes of
 this realme, other then such as by and in the sayde acte of parliament be ex-
 pressed and expressed.
 Provided alwayes, that this acte or any thing therein contrayned, shall
 not extende to repell abolished or make void the sayde former acte of par-
 liament, made in the said first yere of our said soueraine lordes the hynge
 concerninge any sanctuary or privileged places, implied in the said for-
 mer acte, other than only the said towne of Manchester.
 And best further enacted by assent of aforesaid, that the constables of
 the said towne of Manchester, for the tyme beinge, takinge and allor-
 winge with them, a partie of the inhabitants of the same towne by the said
 secretaries, shall have the same conduction leadinge and bringinge of all sa-
 pientary menne, now or hereafter before the feaste of the nativite of saynte
 John Baptiste nexte commynge, bringe in the sayde towne, to conducte
 a saule hynge, from the sayde towne of Manchester, to the foresaide cite of
 Westchester, there to remaine as sapientary men, and to be delivred to the
 maire

mayre and shyreffes of the saide citie of Westchester, by indenture to be made betwene the foresaide constables and the saide mayre and shyreffes there for the tyme being, in whiche indentures shalbe comprised and specified the names of all suche sanctuarie persones, as shalbe so deliuered: and that the saide sanctuarie persones and eury of them, shal be in all places meane betwene Manchester and Westchester, in the tyme of their saide redoution lea-vinge and bypynge from Manchester to Westchester, as they and eury of them had ben and remained sanctuarie persons in Manchester foresaide. Provided alwaie and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaide, that if hereafter vppon any reasonable matter or cause, it shal appere to the kinges maieste by information or other wyse, that the saide citie of Chester is not mete to be sanctuarie, nor for a place of priuilege and tution for the saide offendours and malefactours, as bene aboue remembred, or for suche lyke of their conditions: that than it shal be lawfull to the kinges highnes, by his graces proclamation, to extirpe and determine the saide sanctuarie with in the said citie of Chester, and clerely to discharge the same citie therof: and therupon to appoyne or beyne and make one other towne or place to be sanctuarie, and a place of priuilege and tution for the saide offendours and malefactours, any thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrarie not withstandinge.

An acte for woostede parne in Northfolke. Cap. xvi.



Here as for the moost parte in all the shyres and countie of this realme of Englande there be and haue bene certayne priuate commodities, growynge and rysynge onely within the saide shyres or countie, by the whiche onely commodities poltelykely provided for and continued, the citie and townes within the saide shyres and countie, and the inhabitants of the same, be and haue ben without any foryeine ayde or succour plenteously and welchly kept mainteyned defended and preserved: al whiche comodities by the discepte and subtyll practyses, as well of marchantes straungers as of diuers other couetous and rupill consicioned persons, haue ben and be many tymes clerely distroyed and subuerted, to the great losse & decay as well of the saide citie and townes, within eury suche shyre and countie, as of the inhabitantes in the same: Amonges the whiche said citie townes shyres and countie, haupnge priuate commodities, the citie of Rois wyche and diuers other, and many townes in the countie of Rois. hath ben alwayes heterofoze kepte preserved and mainteyned, and the poore men and other dwellers and inhabitantes in the same, godly honestly and vertuously brought vp occupied and exerceysed, by a comoditie growynge and rysynge onely within the saide countie, that is to say, by the makinge and weaueynge of woostede and other clothes, which hath ben made and wouen of the parne callid woostede parne, spounne of the woulle growynge and comynge of the

These beid onely within the countie of Nozfolke, and in no place els where. And so; as muche as the saide commoditie of making and weayping of wo; sedes, within the saide cite of Nozwyche and countie of Nozfolke, by the discreite and crafty practises of the great multitude of regratours and byres of the saide parne, calld wo;stede parne, is holly decayed and taken awaye from the saide dwellers and inhabitauntes in the saide cite and shyre, that is to saye, in that that the saide regratours do bye the saide parne by smalle parcels of many men, and after that they haue so by lytell and lytel bought a great quantitie of the same parne, do not cause it to be wouen o; otherwise wrought in the said cite o; countie, but do sell sende and cary awaye the same parne out of this realme of Englande, into Fraunce Flaunders, and suche other lyke places beyonde the sea, where with the saide parne, strangers not being bozne vnder the kinges dominions, do make and weaue sapes, russiles wo;sted, and diuers and sundye other clothes and thinges, the whiche after they haue so made and wouen, the saide straungers doo sell agayne to vs Englyshmen within this said realme of Englande, to their great p;ofite lucre and aduantage, and to the clere decay and destruction of the said commoditie; by reason wherof the said cite of Nozwich, and other the saide towne in the said countie of Nozff. are not only most likely to be brought to bitter ruine and decay, and the pooze men and other dwellers and inhabitauntes of the same, whiche haue ben heretofore set on wo;ke, kept, and mainteyned onely by the said commoditie, illuded and disceyued therof, but also at very lyke to be lefte destitute and vnprouided of a lyuinge, o; any maner of art o; occupation, by the whiche they shall be able within the said cite o; countie to acquite to them selues their wyues and chyldzen, any honest way and trade to lyue. Be it therfore o;deyned and enacted, by the assente of the kinges moste royal maiestie, and the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this p;esent parliament assembled, & by auctoritie of the same, that no person ne persons from hens forth shall bye ne cause to be bought within the said cite of Nozwich, o; county of Nozff. any parne calld wo;sted parne, the whiche shall be sponne within the saide cite o; countye, but onely suche person o; persons, being weauers, o; other artificers, the whiche shall weaue o; otherwise wo;ke, o; cause to be wouen o; otherwise wrought the saide parne so bought within the saide cite and countie, in the saide cite of Nozwyche, o; some other market towne o; townes, o; elles where within the said countie of Nozff. vpon the peine of forsaptynge for every pounce weight of parne, calld wo;stede parne, so bought within the saide cite of Nozwyche o; countie of Nozff. and not wouen o; other wise wrought within the saide cite o; countie, as is afoze saide. xli.s. the one halfe therof to our souerayne lord the kinge, and the other halfe to hym o; them that shall soo take the saide parne, o; sue for the same by byll playnt inforcement o; otherwise, in whiche suite none esoyne p;rotection ne wager of lawe shall be allowed o; admitted.

And be it further ordeined and enacted by auctoritie afozesaid, that if any person

person or persones do from or after the firste daye of Aprill nexte ensuyng, shyppe to carpe or conuey, or cause to be shypped to carpe or conuey into the parties beyonde the sea, or elles do carpe or conuey, or cause to be caried and conueyed into the parties beyonde the sea, any parne callyd woystede parne not wought or made in clothe, so suche parne be spone or made within this realme of England, that than every person and persons, so shyping conueyng or carieng, or causinge suche parne, so to be shypped caried or conueyed, shall forsaite for every pounce of woysted parne, so shypped conueyed or caried, xl. s. the one halfe thereof to be vnto our soueraigne lord the kinge, the other half vnto him or them that woll sue for the same in any court of record by information byll playnt or otherwise, where as no wager of lawe esoyne or protection shall be allowed. This act to continue and endure vnto the last daye of the nexte parliament.

In acte for confirmation and continuation of
certaine actes. Cap. xvii.



Here in the parliament begun and holden at London, the thirde daye of November, in the xxi. yere of the reigne of our moste dreadde soueraigne lord king Henry the eyght, & fro thens ad- iourned to westm, & there holden & continued by diuers pro- rogations, vntill the dissolution thereof, an acte was made & establisshed, declaringe and conceyninge as well howe aged pooze and impotent persons, compelled to lye by almes, shoulde be ordered and bled, and also howe vagaboundes and mighty stronge beggers shoulde be whipped and punished: And at the saide parliament one other acte was made and establisshed, for the restraynt of carpenge and conueyng of hoys- ses and mares out of this realme: And also at the saide parliament one o- ther acte was made and establisshed for punishment of waishemenne, at- temptyng assautes or assautes bypon any inhabitauntes of Hereforde, Gloucester, or Shropshire, whiche saide thre seuerall actes were also made to endure to the laste daye of the nexte parliamente, as by the same thre se- uerall actes moze playnely appereth: And also oone other acte was there made in the saide parliament for the true wyndinge of cables halters and ropes: And also one other acte for the true wyndinge of wolles: And oone other acte to restrayne kyllynge of waplynge, bullockes, steeres, or he- fers, beinge vnder the age of two yeres, whiche saide thre seuerall actes laste befoze remembred were than made to endure and continue vnto the nexte parliament, as by the same thre seuerall actes moze playnely appe- reth. And where also in the saide parliamente, one other acte was made and establisshed for the attayntes to be sewed for, the punishment of per- iurpe bypon vnterwe verdictes: And also one other acte was there made in the saide parliament concerninge sowynge of flaxe and hempe, all whiche saide two seuerall actes laste befoze reherfed were than made and orde-
ned

ned to continue and endure to the laste daye of the nexte parliament, as by the same two leuerall actes moze playnely at large is shewed and maye appere. And where also in the saide parliament one other act was made and establisshed for makinge of sayles in diuers shippes of this realme, whiche same act was thā made to continue and endure for one yere next after the ende of the same parliament, as by the same acte also moze playnely appereth. And where also in the parliament begunne and holden at westm, the. viii. daye of June, in the. xxviii. yere of the reigne of our saide moste dread soueraigne lord kinge Henry the. viii. and there continued and kepte vntill the dissolution therof, It was ordeyned and enacted, that all and singular the saide seuerall actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, shoulde continue and endure in their force and strenghte, and also be obserued and kepte vntill the laste daye of the nexte parliament, as by the same acte amonges other thinges therein conteyned moze playnely appereth. And where also in the parliamente begunne and holden at westmynster, the. xxviii. daye of Apryll, and there continued vntill the. xxviii. daye of June, in the. xxxi. yere of the reigne of our saide moste dreadde soueraigne lord kinge Henry the. eighth, it was ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie of the same parliament, that all and singular the saide seuerall actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, and all clauses, articles, and prouisions in theym and euery of them conteyned, shoulde continue and endure in theyr force and strength, and also be obserued and kepte vntill the laste daye of the next parliament, as by the same acte amonges other thinges therein conteyned moze playnely appereth. And where also in the laste session of the same parliament, begunne at westmynster the. xii. daye of Apryll, in the saide. xxxi. yere of the kinges moste noble reigne, and there by diuers pzoogations continued, vntill the. xxiii. daye of Iulye, in the. xxxii. yere of our saide soueraigne lord the kinges reigne, there was one other acte made and establisshed for and concernynge the reformation of myspleadinge, ieo- sayles, and attourneyes, whiche same acte with the prouiso therein conteyned, were made to endure vntill the laste daye of the nexte parliamente, as by the same acte and prouiso amonges other thinges therein conteyned, moze playnely appereth. And for as muche as all and singular the saide seuerall actes aboue mencyned, be good and beneficiall for the common wealthe of this realme: Be it therefore enacted and ordeyned by the auctoritie of this presente parliament, that all and singular the saide seuerall actes, and euery of them, and all clauses articles and prouisions in theym and euery of theym conteyned, shall continue and endure in their force and strenghte, and be obserued and kepte in all thinges vnto the laste daye of the next parliament.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliamēt, that it shall not be lesfull to any person or persones, at any tyme hereafter, to water any maner of hempe or flaxe in any ryuer renning water streame brooke or other common ponde, where beastes be used to be water.

where there are a greates numbꝛ of counse kerseyes made, bringe of the value of. xii. s. the piece, oꝝ thereaboures; whiche kerseyes are made of counse wolle; and are commonly solde for. iii. d. oꝝ. xii. d. the pꝛice coloured; of whiche counse sojtes of kerseyes there are commonly made in the sayde countres thus hundred against one for kersey; by the makinge and workinge to whiche of a great numbꝛ of the kinges subiectes are sente a shewe and geyte shewe spinninges, whiche counse kerseyes are bettred in to the furre parties beyonde the sea; and fewe oꝝ none bettred in this realme; and howe not ben usede such the remembrance of mactes be made in such countres in byedde; as is limited in the sayd estatute, so; that the wolle & yarne, wherof the said kerseyes are made, be of such kyndes and properties, as well by reason of the countnes of the wolle, as also so; the manyfolde differens of sundre spinninges of the same, and so; by oꝝers other considerations, the kerseyes therof made can not be so certeinly knyghe. as the same shoulde and myghte kepe any tyme oꝝ in the certeinly of length oꝝ breadthe thoughe; whan it shall come to the water, although the workers and makers of the same do put therinto the best of they; foresayd and diligence; as by experience and proofe therof hath bene delively pꝛoved; and is nowe byghe well perceived: by occasion wherof the makers and workers of such counse kerseyes shoulde be compelled eithre to forsake they; misteries of makinge of such counse kerseyes, wherby many thousande persones dwelling within this realme; & specially within the countres aboue rehearsed, now havinge good and competent livinges, shoulde be vncorrupted and faile to pꝛovide; oꝝ els to incur the damage and penaltie of the sayde estatute, to they; better vnderstande.

E For remedy wherof, be it enacted by the kynges our soueraygne lordes, the lordes spiritual and temporell, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by authority of the same, that from henceforth we shall and may be lesull to all and enery of the kynges subiectes, to make, worke, bersey and kerseyes; which shall be solde at oꝝ for. xii. d. oꝝ. xii. d. the pꝛice by binder, and not above, of such lengthes and breadthes as they oꝝ might oꝝ were wont to do before the makinge of the sayde acte; made in the sayde xxv. pꝛe of our sayd soueraygne lordes the kynges regne, oꝝ any other acte, without incurringe oꝝ charynge into any danger oꝝ penaltie so; the same, the sayd acte made in the sayd. xxv. pꝛe; oꝝ any thinge therein contayned, oꝝ any other acte oꝝ statute made to the contrary not withstanding.

Provided alwaies, that all maner of kerseyes to be made to be broughte and sold within this realme, of the colours of blacke merkle, russet, and whiche (whiche said colours be commonly solde & retailed within this realme) shall be made of such counse in breadthe, as is limited in the said to pꝛe acte, vppon paine in the same former acte contayned, any thinge in this present acte contayned to the contrary not withstanding.

And yets further enacted by the aforesaid lordes, that all and enery persone and persones, whiche shall make oꝝ worke any kerseyes

of the pices aboue reherſed, oꝛ vnder, ſhall at all tymes hereafter fro tyme to tyme, make the ſame kerſes treweſe without decepte, and that they oꝛ any of them do noꝛ ſhal falſely oꝛ vntrewely make oꝛ ſtoppe any maner of kerſes with ſtockes, thymmes oꝛ other deceyuable thinge oꝛ thinges, to the decepte of any perſon oꝛ perſons, noꝛ ſhall by colour of any lybertie to them given, oꝛ other matter compriſed in this ſtatute, make worke and put to ſale any coloured kerſe oꝛ kerſes of the pices aboue reherſed, which ſhal contayne any leſſe in bredthe thanne thre quarters of a yarde and one naple within the liſte, to be tryed at the water, vpon paine to foꝛſayt foꝛ euery kerſe ſo falſely made oꝛ ſtopped with ſtockes thymmes oꝛ other deceyuable thinge oꝛ thinges, to the decepte of any perſone oꝛ perſones. *xx. s.* and vppon payne to foꝛſayt foꝛ euery ſuche coloured kerſe of the pice aboue reherſed to be made and put to ſale, not conteynyng. *iii.* quarters of a yarde and one naple in bredthe within the liſte, to be tried at the water as is afoꝛe ſaid. *xx. d.* the one halfe of whiche foꝛſaytures to be to our ſoueraigne loꝛd the kinge, & the other halfe thereof to be to him oꝛ them that woll ſewe foꝛ the ſame in any of the kinges courtes of recoꝛde, by action of debt byll plainte oꝛ information, wherein the defendaunt ſhall not be receiued to wage his lawe, noꝛ any elſopne oꝛ pꝛotection foꝛ ſuche defendaunt to be allowed.

¶ Provided alwaie that the ſaide foꝛmer acte, made in the ſaide. *xx. lii. p. et.* and all claues and articles in the ſame conteyned (other than concernynge the bredthe of coloured kerſes of the pices afoꝛe reherſed) ſhal ſtande and be in theyꝝ full ſtrengthe and effecte, and be kepte and obſerued accordyng to the tenour and purpoꝛt of the ſame acte.

¶ Provided alſo and be it enacted by the auctoritie afoꝛeſaide, that the aulnager of euery countie ſhall & may leſully ſeale euery of the ſame coloured kerſes of the pices aboue ſaide, in lyke maner and ſourme as he oꝛ they ſhoulde oꝛ myghte haue done, if the ſaide foꝛmer acte had neuer ben hadde noꝛ made.

¶ Provided alſo, that none of the ſaide kerſes of the pices afoꝛe limited, noꝛ any other kerſe oꝛ bꝛode clothe, made within this realme to be vitered and ſolde, ſhall be put to ſale befoꝛe that they and euerye of them ſhal be ſealed by the aulnager with the kinges ſcale, as hath ben accuſtomed.

¶ In acte expoundinge a certayne ſtatute concernynge
Coppinge of clothes. *Cap. xix.*



Where in the parlamente begun and holden at London, the thirde daye of Nouember, in the. *xxi.* yere of the reigne of our moſte bꝛadde ſoueraigne loꝛd kinge Henry the eyghte, and from thence aduentured to weſtmi, and there alſo holden and continued by diuerſe pꝛogations, vnto the. *iii.* daye of February, in the. *xxvii.* yere of our ſaide ſoueraigne loꝛd the kinges reigne, and there then holden vntill the diſſolution thereof: It was
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by acte of parlyamente ordeyned and establyshed, that enerye whyte wollen clothe solde for. iiii. li. and vnder, and enerye coloured clothe solde for. iiii. li. and vnder, myght be carped & conueyed into the parties of beyonde the sea, there to be solde at the pleasure of the buyers of the saide clothe and clothes vnbarbed vnshorne & vnrowed, any acte or actes to the contrary made not withstandinge. And by the same acte it was further enacted, that if any person or persons dyd sende or conuey, or cause to be sente and conueyed into the parties beyonde the sea, any whyte wollen clothe aboue the value of. iiii. li. or any coloured clothe aboue the pryce of. iiii. li. vnrowed vnbarbed and vnshorne, in other fourme then is aboue mentioned, that then the personne or persons so offendynge shall forsaite the value of the saide clothes so caried and conueyed in to the parties beyonde the sea, the oone moitie of the same forsaiture to be to the vse of our saide soueraygne lord the kynge, and the other moitie to any person which wll or shall sue by bill wyrt or other wyse agaynst any person for the same, and the defendaunt in any plea vpon any suche suite or action be not admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection or essoyne for any suche defendaunt be allowed in the same, as by the same acte moze playnely appereth. Upon the interpretation and expoundinge of certayne wordes within the said act diuersitie of opinions hath ryisen amongest some persons, that if any person or persones sende or conueye, or cause to be sente or conueyed towarde the parties of beyonde the sea, any whyte wollen clothe, aboue the value of. iiii. li. or any coloured clothe, aboue the value of. iiii. li. vnrowed vnbarbed or vnshorne, whether the same clothe soo sente, or the value thereof be forsaited, befoze the same clothe be carped and conueyed into the parties of beyonde the sea. For a playne declaration of the premises be it ordeyned and enacted by the auctorite of this presente parlyament, that no person or persons from henceforth shall carpe or shyp, or cause to be shyped in any shyp bote craye or vessell any whyte wollen clothe, aboue the value of. iiii. li. or any coloured clothe aboue the value of. iiii. li. vnrowed vnbarbed or vnshorne, to the intente to be conueyed in to the parties beyonde the sea, vppon payne of forsaiture of the same clothe or clothes, or the value thereof, the same forsaiture to be recovered in suche maner and fourme as is afoze mentioned.

CIn acte for due proces to be had in hygh treasons, in cases of lunacy or madnes. Cap. xx.



For as muche as sometyme some personnes beinge accused of hygh treasons, haue after they haue benne examined befoze the kinges maiesties counsaile, confessed theyr offences of hygh treason, and yet neuer the lesse after the doynge of theyr treasons, and examinations and confessions therof, as is afoze saide, haue fallen to madnes or lunacy, wherby the conuynge punishment of theyr treasons, were they neuer so notable

notable and detestable, hath ben deferred spared and delayed, and whether their madnes or lunacy by them outwardly shewed, were of trouth or falsely contrived and counterfayted, it is a thing almost impossible certayne: is to iudge or try. Be it therefore enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, to avoide al sinister counterfeit and false practises and pynaginations, that maye be used for excuse of punishment of high treasons, in suche cases where they be done or committed by any person or persons of good perfecte and hole memory at the time of suche their offences, that if any person or persons have done or committed, or hereafter shall do or committe any highe treasons when they were in good hole and perfecte memory, and after their accusation examination and confession therof, before any the kinges maiesties counsaile, shall happen to fall to madnes or lunacy, that yet never the lesse, if it shall appere by the testimonie of foure of the kinges counsell or mo, that suche persons at the time of doinge their treason, and at the time of their accusation examination and confession therof, were of good perfect and hole memory, and than not mad nor lunatike, but sithen that time fallen to madnes or lunacy, and so certified into the kinges Chancery by wytinge subscribed with the names of foure of the saide counsell or mo: that than in every suche case the kinges maiesties commission of oyer and terminer of the treasons, shalbe awarded out of the saide Chancery, vnder his highnes great seale, into suche shire & place, and to suche persons, as it shal please the kinges most royal maiestie to limit and appoint, in whiche commission shalbe specially mentioned and expessed the names of suche person or persons, who shall happen to be accused and examined of treason before any the kinges maiesties counsaile, as is aforesaide, and an expresse mention, that by the testimonie of foure of the kinges counsaile, suche person or persons so accused or examined of treason, were of good perfecte and hole memory at the time of committinge their offences, and at the time of their accusation examination and confession therof, and that sithens that time they be become mad or lunatike. By vertue of whiche commission the commissioners, lyttitted by the same commission, shall have power and auctoritie to enqurre of the treasons, done by suche persons, by the inhabitants or freholders of the shyre where suche commission shall be directed to, where so ever the saide treasons were done or committed. And if suche person or persons aforesaide, shall happen to be indited of high treason, than the saide commissioners, without the personall apparance or arraignment of suche person or persons so indited, shall cause the shyreffe or his ministers, or other having auctoritie, to retorne processe in such cases, to retorne a panell before them of sufficient and laufull freholders of the shyre, where suche persons shalbe indited, for the tryall of their treasons conteyned in their inditement. And after the retorne of the panell, and apparance of the Jurie, the saide commissioners in the absence of the saide person or persons indited, beinge mad or lunatike, without any arraignment answer or plea to the inditement, shall sweare. *xit.* of suche of the saide iurie as shall be re-

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turned before them, to trye whether the person or persons indicted be guilty of the treasons conteyned in the inditement, or of any of thepm (or not guilty) causinge onely thinditement to be redde to the sayd iury, and after the readinge therof, cause and suffer vpon euidence to be giuen to the iury, as wel for the kyng as for the partie touchynge the treasons conteyned in the inditement, as to theyr discretions shall seme conuenient. Wherevpon the iury shall be bounden to give theyr verdyte accordynge to theyr euidence, as if the persons indicted had be present arraigned and pleaded to the same: And if it shall happen suche person or persons so indicted, to be found guilty by the saide iury so charged to trye suche treasons, that than the offendours of suche treasons, so found guilty, shall haue such iudgement, & suffer such paynes of death, forsaithures of landes goodes cattails and all other thynges, as is commonly lymitted in cases of high treason, and as if suche persons had ben of good and hole memoie, and personally present arraigned and pleaded to theyr inditement, and had ben found guilty therof, theyr madnes or lunacy, or theyr absence non arraignment, or not pleading to the saide inditement, in any wise not lettynge nor withstandinge.

Provided alway and be it enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that if any of the peeres of this realme shall happen to be accused and examined of hygh treason before any the kinges counsel, & do confesse the same, & afterwarde fall to madnes or lunacy as is aforesayd, that than suche treasons done and committed by any pere of the realme, and by hym or her confessed vpon examination therof before any of the kinges counsaile, as is aforesayd, and theyr confessions, if they can write, subscribed with theyr names, shall be enuyed of by vertue of the kinges commission of oyer and terminer, to be awarded in maner and fourme aboue rehearsed. And if they shall happen to be indicted of hygh treason, by vertue of suche commission, yet neuerthelesse theyr tryall shall be alwayes had by theyr peeres, before the high steward of England, to be assigned by the kinges hyghnes. And that the high steward to be assigned by the kinges maiestie in euery such case, shall haue the recorde of the inditement brought to hym, and shall cause to be summoned, to appeere before hym, the peeres of the realme, as hath ben accustomed, at a day and place by the said high steward to be limited, at which day and place the said high steward, after the apparance of the peeres before hym, hauinge the recorde of the saide inditement before hym, shall in the absence of the persons indicted, whiche shall happen to be madde or lunatyke, as is aforesaide, and without his or her arraignment or pleadinge to the indytement, cause the sayd inditement to be red to the peeres, and in theyr presence cause to be declared by his discretioun all maner of euidence and witness touchinge the treasons contained in the said inditement, and afterwarde charge the sayd peeres vpon their faithes, and dueties of allegiance, that they owen to the kinges maiestie, to trye whether the person indicted be guilty of the treasons conteyned in the indimentes or any of them, or not guilty. And if they shall find hym or her guilty: that then suche iudgement execution and forsaithures shall be had

be had made and done, as if suche person indicted had ben of good memory, and personally present arraigned, and pleaded to the said indictment, and had ben founde guilty of the treasons therein contained, the madnes or lunacy of suche persons in suche cases as is aforesaid, not withstandinge.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that if any person or persons, shall happen to be attainted and convicted of high treason, by auctoritie of parliament, or by the due course of the common lawes or statutes of this realme, and afterwards fall to madnesse or lunacy, that yet nevertheless they shall have and suffer execution, they; madnes or lunacy not withstanding. And that if any person or persons shalbe attainted of high treason by the course of the common lawes or statutes of this realme, that in every suche case every suche attaynder by the common lawe shalbe of as good strength value force and effecte, as if it had ben done by auctoritie of parliament: And that the kinges maiestie his heires and successors, shal have as moche benefite and advantage by such attaynder, as well of his rightes entrees condicions, as possessions reversiones remainders and all other thinges, as if it had ben done and declared by auctoritie of parliament, and shalbe demed and aduinged in actuall and reall possessions of the landes tenementes hereditamentes his goodes cattalles and all other thinges of the offendours so attainted, which his highnes ought lawfully to haue, and which they so being attainted, ought or might lawfully lose and forsaite if the attaynder had ben done by auctoritie of parliament, without any office or inquisition to be founde of the same, any lawe statute or bye of the realme to the contrary therof in any wise not withstandinge. Maining to all and every person and persons, and bodies politike, and their heires assignes and successors, and every of them, other than suche person and persons, whiche hereafter shall be attainted of high treason, and their heires and assignes and every of them, and all and every other person and persons, clamping by them or any of them, or to their byes, or the byes of any of them, after the said treason committed, all suche right title by possession entree reversiones remainders interestes condicions fees offices rentes annuities commons leases and all other commodities profits and hereditamentes what so ever they or any of them shulde myght or oughte to haue had, if this act had never be had made.

¶ In acte concerning the attaynder of the late queene Katharine and her complices. Cap. xii.



As theyr moste humble wyse beseechen your moste royall maiestie the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and all other your moste louing and obedient subiectes the commons of this your moste high courte of parliamente assembled, that where besides any mannes expectatione suche chaunce hath happened by maistres Katharin the ward, whiche your high-

nes toke to your wyfe, bothe to your maiestie chiefly, and so consequentially to vs all, that the lyke we thinke hath scarce be sene, the likelihoodes and apparances beinge so far contrarie to that, which by euident and due proufe is nowe founde true. First that it will please your maiesty to take it in suche parte, as thereby arysse not to be all a greater inconuenience, whiche is the trouble of your harte, and vniquietnes of your mynde: for that shulde be a mostnyng of that which we all shuld repent, and most desyre the contrarie. Secondely that it wold please your maiesty to pardon all your louinge subiectes, which sene these matters came to their knowledg, haue detested and abhoyred her for this facte, both in word manner and dede, and of wordes deterred by them of her and her adherentes not maintainable in your lawes, considerynge that they dyd, and do it onlie for the great zeale and love that they beare to your maiesty, and the abhominacion of the detestable facte. Thirdly that sins it pleased your maiesty vpon those likeli outwarde apparances, to take the sayed maiesties Catherine Howarde to your wyfe and Queene, of your most excellent goodnes, and for a goodlie purpose, and alle moste liberallie to endue her with great possessions for the maintenance of the same, thynkynge and takynge her at that tyme to be chaste, and of pure ciene and honest luyng, the contrarie wherof is nowe duelly proued, both by her owne condicion, and others also. And that also she after the marriage betwene your maiesty and her, cohe moste traitorously to her seruice the same person, with whom she vied that vicious lyfe before, whose name was Fraunces Dereham, and vied him in manie secreete conferences and messages after, as by his confession and attayndour doeth more plainly appere. Callinge also to her seruice a couine of Chamberer a woman, which was priuie to her naughtie lyfe before, whereby she hath shewed a great apparance and in maner a due proufe of wyll to retourne to her olde and abhominable lyfe with the foresayd person. And yet she not satisfied with this abhominable carnall desyres, the ende wherof howe perillous it was and might haue bene to your maiesty and person, were harde to expresse, hath also sins that tyme most traitorously confederated her selfe with the ladye Jane Rocheforde widow, late wyfe of George Volepne knight late lord Rocheforde, to byng her vicious and abhominable pourpose to passe with Thomas Culpeper esquier, late one of the gentlemen of your graces priue Chamber, by whose meanes the queene brought to passe, that the sayd Culpeper and she met in a secret and hile place, and that at an vniuersall houre of a leuen a clocke in the night, and so remayned there with hym till thre of the clocke in the morning, none being with them but that baudie the ladye Jane Rocheforde, by whose meanes Culpeper came thither, and there they all they and at other conferences togyther afterward, most faulselly and traitorously committed and perpetrated many detestable and abhominable tresong, to the most fearful peril and daungier of the destruction of your moste royall person, and to the bitter losse disherison and desolacion of this your realme of England, if god of his infinite goodnes hadde not in due tyme brought the

sayde treasons to lyght. Of and fo; whiche treasons beynge manifestly and
 plainly proued, as well by the confession of the sayde Queene and other the
 sayde parties, as by diuers other wytnesses and pproes, the sayde Fraunces
 Dereham and Thomas Culpeper haue ben lawfully and truly, and accor-
 dyng to the lawes of the realme convicted and attaynted: And the sayde
 Queene & Jane lady Rocheford be lawfully indicted, in so muche that Tho-
 mas Culpeper and Fraunces Dereham haue iustly suffered therfore peines
 of death, accordyng to their merites, as by the recordes therof moze plainly
 at large may appere. It may therfore please your highnes, of your mosse ex-
 cellent and accustomed goodnes, and fo; the entier loue sauour and hart
 affection, that your maiestie hath alwayes heretofore borne, and yet beareth
 to the common weith of this your realme of England, and fo; the conserva-
 tion of your most excellent highnes and posterite, and of the good peace
 vnitie and rest of vs your mosse bounden and obedient subiectes, to graunt
 and assent at the most humble desire and petition of your louing and obedi-
 ent subiectes, the lordes spirituall and tempo;all, and commons in this pre-
 sent parliament assembled, that this their lawfull inditementes and attayn-
 tments, of suche as haue lately suffered, may be approued by the auctorite of
 this present parliament. And that it maye be enacted, that the sayde Queene
 Catherine, and Jane lady Rocheford, fo; their sayde abhominable and de-
 testable treasons by them and euery of them most abhominably and traite-
 rously comitted and done against your maiesty and this your realme, shalbe
 by the auctorite of this present parliament, convicted and attainted of high
 treasons, and that the same Queene Catherine, and Jane lady Rocheford &
 euery of them, shal haue and suffer peines of death, losse of goodes catals
 dettes fermes and al other thinges, as in cases of high treason by the lawes
 of this your realme hath ben accustomed granted and giuen to the crowne.
 And also that the sayde Queene Catherine, Jane lady Rocheford, Thomas
 Culpeper, and Fraunces Dereham and euery of them, shal lose and forsaie
 to your highnes and to your heyyes all suche rightes title interest, vse, and
 possession, whiche they o; any of them had the. xxv. daye of Auguste, in the
 xxvi. yere of your reigne, o; any tyme lichens, of in o; to all suche they; ho-
 nours manours meases landes tenementes rentes reuertions remaynders
 vles possessions offices ryghtes conditions, and all other they; heredita-
 mentes of what names natures o; qualities so euer they be, and that all su-
 che rightes title interest vse and possession, which they o; any of them had, o;
 of right ought to haue the said. xxv. daye of August, o; any tyme lichen, of in
 o; to the same honours castelles manours meases landes tenementes ren-
 tes reuertions remaynders vles possessions offices rightes comodities and
 hereditamentes, by the auctorite aforesaide shalbe demed vested and iudged
 to be in the actuall and reall possession of your maiesty, without any office
 o; inquisition therof hereafter to be taken o; founde, accordyng to the comon
 lawes of this your realme: Dauninge to euery person and persons, & bodys
 politike, and to they; heyyes assignes and successours and euery of them,

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other than the sayde Queene Catherine, Jane lady Rocheforde, Thomas Culpeper, and Fraunces Dereham, and theyr heires, and euery of theym hereafter clayminge the p̄misses, as heire by oꝛ from theym, oꝛ by oꝛ from any of them, and all and euery other person and persons, clayminge by them oꝛ any of theym, oꝛ to theyr vses, oꝛ to the vs of any of them, oꝛ to the vse of any of theyr sayde heires, all such right, title, vse, possession, interest, reuerſion, remainder, entrees, condition, free offcers, rents, annuities, commons, and all other commodities and hereditamentes, what so euer they oꝛ any of theym myght coulde oꝛ bought to haue hadde, of this acte hadde neuer ben hadde ne made. And fourthely for as muche as these foresaide mooste abhominable and detestable high treasons haue so much touched the peryll of your most royall person, the danger and trouble of this your hole realme, and in respect therof it were requisite that condigne punishment shulde be had and spedely p̄uouided for the rest of theym, whiche yet haue not suffred, and not to be delapd noꝛ p̄tracted, to the ende oꝛ p̄rogation of this p̄sent parliament, whiche is most chiefly callyd and summoned for other generall causes and matters for the welthe of this realme. Therfore your most humble and obedient subiectes, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and comons in this p̄sent parliament assembled, most humbly besech your most royall maiesty, that whā they, with one assent be agreed and accorded vpo this act, for that it shulde not be requisite to trouble your maiesty for accesse in your mooste royall person to the upper house, to assent to the same, noꝛ conuenient that your maiesties royal assent shuld be p̄tracted, to the ende oꝛ p̄rogation of this parliament. that than it may please your maiesty, for example of speedy punishment of suche detestable and abhominable treasons, to grant your mooste royall assent to the said act by your letters patentes to be signed with your most gracious hand, and to be put vnder your great seale of Englands, and so to be notified and published in the higher house to the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and your commons of this parliament there to be assembled for that purpose, and after that to be and stande as a perfecte acte, and to be put in due execution accordingly with conuenient speede. And fiftly where also Agnes Duches of Aros. widow, and Catherine countesse of Bridgewater, wyfe of the right honorable Henry erle of Bridgewater, haue ben lausfully truly & accordinge to the lawes of this realme indited of misprision of high treason, for the concealinge of the fyrst detestable and abhominable treasons, and yet not arraigned noꝛ attaynted of the same, that they now may be by act of parliament conuicted and attainted of the same. And that seynge the lord William Howarde, the ladye Margaret Howarde his wyfe, Edward Walgraue, Catherine Culney, Alice Restwold, Jane Bulmer, Anne Howard, Robert Dampoyt, William Culney, Margaret Bennet, and William Alceby, were & be of the same misprision of high treason already conuict & attaynted by the due courtes and order of the common lawes of this realme, as by the records therof more playnely at large appereth, that this their iuste conuiction and attaynbout may

may also be approued by act of parliament. And that the said Agnes duchess of Norfolk, Catherine countesse of Burgewater, lord William Howard, lady Margaret Howard, Edward Walgraue, Catharin Cilney, Alice Westwoide, Jone Bulmer, Anne Howarde, Robert Dampore, Walyn Cilney, Margaret Benner, and Wyllyam Shepp and euerie of them shall lose and forfeite to your highnes all theyr goodes cattails leasys for yeres, money plate Jewels and debtes, and haue imprisonment of theyr bodys duringe theyr lyues: And also that all their manours meases landes tenementes possessions and hereditamentes shalbe leased remayne and continue into your most iustices handes duringe their natural lyues, if theyr titles and interestes so longe endure. And that your highnes shalbe answered of the rentes reuenues issues and profittes therof, from the first day of October, in the xxxiiij. yere of your reigne, duringe their saide lyues, if their titles and interestes so longe endure. Sauinge to al and euerie person and persons and bodys politike, and to the heyres successours and assignes of euerie of them, other than the saide Agnes duchess of Norfolk, Catherine countesse of Burgewater, lord William Howard, lady Margaret Howard, Edward Walgraue, Catharin Cilney, Alice Westwoide, Jone Bulmer, Anne Howarde, Robert Dampore, Walyn Cilney, Margaret Benner, and Wyllyam Shepp, all suche right title vse possession interestes fees offices rentes annuities commons and al other hereditamentes commodities and profittes, what so euer they or any of them mought shulde or ought to haue hadde in or to the premises, if this act had neuer bene had ne made.

¶ Therfore be it enacted by the kynges maiestie, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that all thinges contained by expresse wordes in this their foresaide petition, concernynge or touching treasons or misdemeanours, or dependynge vpon them, or longynge to them, shall stand in full force of an acte, accordynge to their moste humble request and petition, any former act made to the contrary notwithstanding. ¶ And ensynge the foresaide petition, concernynge the kynges roiall assent to be done and had by the kynges letters patentes, to be assigned with the kynges hand, and sealed with his great scale, as is aforesayde, and to auoide all doubtes and ambiguites hereafter touchynge the same: Be it declared by auctoritie of this present parliament, that the kynges roiall assent, by his letters patentes vnder his great scale, and assigned with his hand, and declared and notified in his absence to the lordes spiritual and temporal, and to the commons assembled together in the high house, is and euer was of as good strength and force as though the kynges person had ben there personally present, and had assented openly and publyhely to the same.

¶ And be it also enacted that this roiall assent and all other roiall assentes hereafter to be so gyuen by the kynges of this realme, and notified as is aforesaide, shalbe taken and reputed good and effectuell to all ententes and purposes without doubte or ambiguitie, any custome or vse to the contrary

not withstandynge.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaide, that all and every person or persons, whiche haue not only by their wordes spoken uttered and published, but also in theyr dedes done deuised and let forth by wytynges al that they coulde for byingynge this high treason of the saide Queene and her complices to light, and also to seche and serche al due meanes for condign punishment to be had for these horrible and detestable treasons, misprisions and offences afoze reherced, or otherwise haue spoken detested and abhorred her sayde abhominable offences, shall be clerely pardoned acquitted and discharged for the same agaynste the kynges highnes, his heyyes and successours for euer.

And althoughe it were not conuenient, that suche a fredome and lyberty were gyuen to subiectes, without good grounde, they myght secretly murmur seditious sclaunder openly defame theyr Queene and maistres: so also were it vnmete and dangerous to the surety of our soueraine lord and king (beyng a iuste cause) to be construed by any lawe, to kepe it and concele it from hym or some of his counsaile, whiche of duety bothe shulde and ought moztly after to notice the same vnto him: Therfoze be it enacted by the kinges maiestie, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, that it shal be lefull for any of the kynges subiectes and lieges, if they theym selves perfectly knowe, or by vehement presumption may and do perceine any wyl acte or conditton of lightnes of body in her, whiche for the time beyng shall be Queene of this realme, that they may lawfully disclose the same vnto his maiestie, or some of his counsaile, which they thinke wyl disclose the same vnto his highnes, any act statute or lawe made to the contrary not withstandynge.

Provided neuertheles that they shal not openly blowe it abroad, nor privately whisper it in other folkes eares, wherby a sclaunder myght rise of her, tyll it be divulged by the assent of his highnes or his counsaile.

And it is further enacted that if any of the said counsaile, beyng within the realme, do concele it, and not disclose it vnto his maiestie, or some of his counsaile, resident or attendaunt in that tyme on his royall person, by worde or wytynges, within xx. dayes after any of them shall heare of it, and if they be out of the realme, with as conuenient speede and diligence as they may: that than they to haue lyke punishment and forsaiture, as the offendours shoulde. And in case the saide counsaile or any of them doo here or perceyue any suche thinge as afoze is reherced, that than it shal be lefull for them all or any of them, after notice therof gyuen to the kinges maiestie, to pmygne seke and proue alwayes to their wittes possible, to byng the matter and offence to true knowledge and light, and they so doing to incurre no daunger of lawe or penaltie, any acte or statute made hertofore to the contrary not withstandynge.

And furthermoze be it enacted, for eueryng of suche like haynous and abhominable treasons, in case it fortune eether the kyng our soueraigne lord or that

that now is, or any of his successors hereafter being kinges of England, shalbe take a fauſte to any woman, of what estate degree or condition so euer she be, eyther subiecte or resistant within his domynions or realmes, in way of marriage, thynkynge and esteeming her a pure and cleane mayde, when in dede she profe maye or after shal appere contrary, eyther by due testimonie or confession of the partie or parties, and yet she neuerthelesse willynge doo couple herselfe with her soueraigne lord and kynge in marriage, without plaine declaration before of her bachelors life vnto his maistie: that then eny such offence shalbe demed and adjudged high treason, and the offendours thereon conuicted by the order of the lawe, shal haue and suffer such paynes of death losses and forsaitures of landes tenementes goodes catalles and debtes, as in cases of high treason.

And be it also enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that if any person, subiect or resistant within the realme, or in any the kinges dominions, hearinge say by honest report, or hauinge perfect knowlege, that suche a woman being not chaste, shal marie with her soueraigne lord and kynge of this realme, to the daunger of his most royall person, and of his succession, and do not reuise and shewe the same offence to the kinge for the tyme beinge, or to one of his prynces counsaile, before suche marriage be had; if possibly and conuenientlie he maye, or elles within .xx. daies nexte after that he shal haue certein knowledge of such marriage: that then euery such offence shal be taken and demed misprision of hygh treason, and the offendours conuicted thereof by the order of the lawe, shal haue suche paynes, and suffer suche losses and forsaitures, as in suche cases of misprision of high treason.

And be it also enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that if the Queene or wyfe of the pryncce moue procure or stirre any person by any wytinge messagge wordes or tokens or otherwise for that purpose, to vse or to haue carnall knowlege with them: or if any personne do moue procure or make meanes to the queene, or the wyfe of the pryncce, to vse or haue carnall knowlege of them or any of them: that then as well the queene and the wyfe of the pryncce so procuringe or carnallie knowen, as euery other person procuringe as is aforesaid or carnallie knowinge the queene, or the wyfe of the pryncce, and theyr apportes counsaillours and abettours, and euery of them, shal be demed and adjudged hygh traitours, and beinge conuicted of suche offences, shal haue and suffer suche iudgemente paynes of death and forsaitures of landes goodes catalles, and debtes as in cases of high treason.

An acte concerning the orders of wardes and liveryes. Cap. xxi.



Where in the parliamente holden at Westm the .xxviii. date of April, in the .xxxi. yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lord kyng Henry the eighth, by the grace of god king of England Fraunce and Irelande, defender of the faith, and of the church of Englande and also of Ireland in earth the supreme head, and from
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thens adiourned to Westm aforesayd, by diuerse prozocations, vntill the xxv. daie of Maye, in the. xxxii. yere of the reygne of our saied soueraygne lozde, and than and there holden, amōges other thinges the kinges graces courte, called the courte of the kinges wardes, was then and there by auctoritie of the saied parliament established made and auctorized in to a court of recozde, as by an acte thereof made in the saied parliament moze plainly appereth. To the which courte it semeth to the kinges maiestie to be necessaie and very expedient, to haue the lynes, whiche shall be suer within this his realme and other his dominions, incozporated and vnted, and also all indentures cedules bondes & writings to be made in for and vpon lueries to be registred and enroled in the saied courte, beinge a court of recozde, to thintent that such indentures cedules bondes and writings maie be there surely and certainly knowne serched and vsed, as well for the kinge as the partie, as case shall require. In consideration wherof, and for that it shall not onely be honozable and commodious to the kinges maiestie, to haue all the procedynges of the saied lueries to be of recozde, but also greatly to the comfote and prospe of his graces subiectes, that shall make anye serche for the same for his oþher commodities: The kynges highnes is therefore pleased and contented, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this pæsent parliament, that the office of the maister and maisters of the lueries, with the chaunces thereof, shall be vnted annexed and knit vnto the saied court of the kinges wardes: And that the auctoritie and office to compoūde for any lueries, with the procedynges therein shall be from henceforth in the rule power and gouernaunce of the sayde courte, in maner and fourme hereafter declared, anye lawe custome patent grant oꝝ vsage heretofore had oꝝ vsed to the contray not withstanding. And that the maister of the kinges wardes for the tyme beinge, whiche is the chiefe and principall head officer of the same court, shall from henceforth for euer be maister of the kinges wardes, and of the lueries, and that all other officers and ministers appointed, oꝝ hereafter to be appointed in the same court of the kinges wardes, by auctoritie of the Statute made of the erection of the same court, shall be called officers and ministers of the kinges courte of his wardes and lueries.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctoritie afoze sayde, that the kinges sayde highnes, his heyes and successours from tyme to tyme, shall make name and appointe one officer and minister of and in the sayd court, whiche shall be called the surueour of the kynges lueries, and shall be the second person of the same court. And that the atturney of the kinges wardes for the tyme beinge, which by the sayd former acte of the saied court of the kinges wardes, was appointed to be the seconde person of the saide court, shall from henceforth for euer stande and be the thyrde person of the saied courte of the kynges wardes and lueries. And all other officers and ministers of the saied courte to be placed as is limited in the same former acte.

¶ And further be it enacted by auctoritie afozesayd, that the kinges highnes his heyes and successours maie from tyme to tyme make name and appointe

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 poynt an apt person to be clerke of the saide lyueries, whiche shall make all indentures cedules obligations & wytynges of bargaynes hereafter to be made and graunted for any lyueries, and that one parte of the saide indentures and cedules or other wytynges indented, necessary for the same, shall remaine with the partie or parties, and shall be sealed with the seale of the saide maister of the wardes and lyueries, and of the saide suruepours of the saide lyueries. And that the same indentures obligations and the accomptes to be made vpon the same, and euery of them from henceforth shall be taken ordered and vsed, and also be of the same force strenght and effecte, to all intentes and purposes, as the obligations indentures and accomptes be and ought to be by the saide former acte. And that euery suche person, whiche in fourme aforesaide shalbe appoynted to be suruepours of the saide lyueries, shal take a cojporall othe afoze the said maister of the kinges wardes and lyueries for the tyme beinge, after the tenour ensuyng.

CYe shall sweare that ye wel and trewely serue our soueraigne lord the king in the office of suruepours of his graces lyueries, and shall minister equal iustice to riche and poore to the best of your power wytte and knowledge, and that you shall diligently procure al thinges whiche may honestly and iustly be to the kinges aduantage and profyt, and to the augmentation of the right & prerogative of his graces crowne, and fro tyme to tyme deliuer with speede suche as shall haue to do afoze you, and that you shall not take ne receaue of any person or persons any gyfte or reward in any case or matter depending or to depende in the saide court of the kinges wardes, wherein the kinges highnes shall be partie, by reason wherof any prejudice losse hynderance or dilution shall or may growe to the kinges highnes his heires or successours, so helpe you god and all saintes.

And be it also enacted by auctorite aforesaide that the said clerke of the said lyueries shall take a cojporall othe afoze the saide maister of the wardes and lyueries for the tyme beinge, after the tenour hereafter ensuyng.

CYe shall sweare that you shall wel and trewely serue the kinge our soueraigne lord in your office of clerke of the lyueries, and trewely do and execute without delaye fraude or couyn all and euery thyng and thynges, whiche you ought to do by reason of your saide office, accordinge to the fourme and effecte of this present acte, so helpe you god and all saintes.

And that all lyueries, whiche hereafter shall be sued out of the kinges graces handes his heires and successours, and out of the handes of any of them, of any Castelles, honours, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuerfions, remainders, or other hereditamentes, what so euer they be, shall be in the order suruey and gouernance of the said court of the kinges wardes and lyueries, and of the ministers of the same.

And be it enacted by auctorite afoze sayde, that no person or persons haue landes or tenementes aboue the percel value of fyue poundes, shall haue or sue any lyuerie before inquisition or office found before the exchequer or other commissioner or commissioners, by vertue of the kinges wytt or com-

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mission to be directed out of the kinges chauncery or other courtes hauinge auctoritie to make suche wyttes or commissions for supnge of lueries, whiche wyttes or commissions shall not passe out of the Chauncery or any other courtes, but by a warrant or byll to be assigned and subscribed with the handes and names of the saide maister Surueour attourney and receiuour, or three two or one of them, to be directed and deliuered to the Chauncellour of Englande, or to any other chauncellour or officer, hauinge power to awarde suche wyttes. And if the landes and tenementes, wherof any inquisition is to be had by vertue of any such wytte or commission, excede the perely value of. v. li. that then suche as sue for suche wyttes or commissions, shall paye for the seale and wytinge therof suche fees as hath ben accustomed. And if the saide landes and tenementes, wherof any suche inquisitions and offices is to be founde by vertue of any suche wytte or commission, excede not the saide perely value of. v. li. then suche as shall sue for such wyttes or commissions, shall paye for the seale of euery of them. vi. d. and for the wyting. vi. d. and not aboue.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that all inquisitions and offices to be founde by vertue of any suche wyttes or commissions, shall be returned by the exchequours or commissioners, to whom suche wyttes or commissions shall be directed, into the saide Chauncery, or into suche other courtes, from whense such wyttes or commissions were awarded, in suche maner and fourme, and vpon suche peines as is limited by the lawes and statutes of the realme in suche cases. And that the clerkes of the petty bag shall receyue such offices, and make a transcript therof from tyme to tyme to the said maister of the wardes and lueries, in lyke maner and fourme as they are bounden and haue ben accustomed to do in to the kinges eschequer, & vpon suche peines as be limited and appointed by the lawes and statutes of the realme in suche cases.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that the said maister of the wardes and lueries, and the surueour attourney and generall receyuour of the saide courte, or thre of them, wherof the saide maister or surueour is to be one, shall haue power and auctoritie by vertue of this present acte, after suche offices and inquisitions founde as is aforesaide, to couenaunt and indent with every person and persons for his & theire luerie of the castels manours lordshippes landes tenementes and hereditametes comprised or not comprised in suche offices, & to make and set the rate and ppyce for the same, and to appointe and stal the dayes of payment therof by obligation or obligations to be taken for the same to the kynge our soueraigne lord, whiche obligation and obligations so made and euery of them, shall be good and effectuell in the lawe, and shall be of lyke auctoritie and strengthe as obligations to be taken by auctoritie of the same court of the kinges wardes be of, by vertue of the sayde former acte. And that all and singular bylles for any special or generall luerie to be sued, assigned by the handes of the saide maister surueour attourney receyuour or thre of theym, wherof the same

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mayster of suruepout to be one, shall be a good & sufficient warrant as well to the Chauncellour of Englande, as to the Chauncellour of the Duchy of Lancaster, and to all other Chauncellours and officers, hauing power to passe lpueries vnder any of the kynges seales, for the making out sealing and deliuerie of any lpueries, accordyng to the tenour purpoyte and effect of suche bylles, with other clauses of course necessary for the same, any lawe or custome to the contrary heretofore not withstanding.

Provided alway and be it enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that the lordes pyncpale, the lordes greatte Chaumberlaine, the kynges chiefe and pyncpale secretaries, the master of the Rolles, & the kynges clarkes of the signet & pyncpale seal, the clarkes of the petty bag, and all and every other officer and officers, and clarkes in the Chauncery or elles where in any other courtes, where suche lpueries shall passe, shall haue and be paid all suche their fees as hath bene accustomed: all whiche fees shall be receiued and paid by the handes of the clarkes of the petty bag, if the lpuerie be sued in the Chauncery, or by other clarkes, by whose handes lpueries shalbe written in other courtes, any thyng in this act to the contrary therof not withstanding.

And it is further enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that every persone and persons from henceforth make sue at theyr pleasure a general lpuerie for any manours landes tenementes rentes reuercions remainders or other hereditamentes, wherof the clere yerely value shal not excede .xx.li. after office thereof by writ or commission founde retourned and certified as is aforesaid.

Provided alwaies that no suche lpuery shall passe or be sued without a bill or warrant to be first obtained for the same from the said master of the warres and lpueries, and the said suruepout attourney & general receiuer or three of them, and signed and subscribed with the names and handes of the said master suruepout attourney and generall receiuer or three of them, as is aforesaid.

And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that if the manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, wherof a general lpuerie may be sued by auctorite of this act, excede the clere yerely value of .v.li. that then suche as shall sue and haue suche general lpuery for any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, excedyng the clere yerely value of .v.li. shall paye for the scale thereof .xx. s. iiii. d. and all other suche fees as heretofore in suche cases hath ben accustomed in and vpon the supyng of any general lpueries. And if the landes tenementes and hereditamentes, wherof any suche general lpuerie shall be sued, excede not the clere yerely value of .v.li. that then every person and persones, supyng for any general lpuerie for any landes tenementes rentes reuercions remainders or other hereditamentes, not excedyng the clere yerely value of .v.li. shall paye suche fees as hereafter foloweth and none other: That is to saye, for the scale of every suche lpuery .xiii. d. And to the clarkes of the petty bag for the writyng and entrollyng thereof .xx. d. And for the respite of homage in the hanapar. viii. d. And to the lordes great Chaumberlayne, .xx. d. And to the mayster of the Rolles .xx. d.

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And to the clarke of the puerres for the warrant and entolling of the puerres. xx. d.

And be it also enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that no person or persons shall pay in the kynges Eschequer or any other courtes for the respite of homage, of or for any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, wherof the clere peryl value exceedeth not. v. li. above. viii. d. And for the entrolling therof and warrant of attourney about. iii. d. And that the value of suche manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes not exceeding the peryl value of. xx. li. shall be taken as it is limitted in the offices founden thereof, except by the examination and certificate of the saied maister of the wardes and liuries, and the saied surueour attourney and general receiuer of the same as is aforesaid, it shall otherwys appere and bee declared in any of the kynges courtes.

And it is also enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that all and every such person and persons, whiche shall be named and certified into the kynges chancery by the lord Treasorer of Englande, to bee Eschetour, shall within one moneth next after his letters patentes shall be offered vnto him, take vpon hym the execution of the same office, or elles appere in the saied Eschequer, and shew a reasonable cause why he ought not so to do. And if any such person so named and certified to be Eschetour, dooe not appere as is aforesaid within one moneth next after notice to him geuen as is aforesaid, nor shew any reasonable cause why he ought not to do the same: that then he shall lose and forsaite for every such default. xx. li. to the kyng our soueraigne lord, to be leuied to his maiesties vse in any his highnes courtes of Record.

And be it also enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that no Eschetour after the firste date of Wape nexte coming, shall sytte onely by vertue of his office for inquite of the tenure tytle or value of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, where the same landes tenementes or hereditamentes bene of the value of. v. li. by the peryl or above, and holden of the kyng, without the kynges wytt to be directed to him for the same, vpon payne to lose and forsaite for every tyme that he shall syt and make inquite contrary to the fourme of this estatute. v. li. And that any Eschetour shall take for the finding of any office of any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, that shall not exceede the clere peryl value of. v. li. above the summe of. xv. s. That is to saye for the eschetours fee. vi. s. viii. d. and for the wytyng of the office. iii. s. iii. d. and for the charges of the iury. iii. s. And for the officers and ministers that shall receiue the saied office in any court of record. ii. s. vpon payne that every Eschetour offending this acte, shall lose and forsaite for every tyme so offending. v. li. And that the officers and ministers of every court of Record, where such inquisitions shall be returned, beyng offered vnto them within one moneth next after the finding thereof, shall receiue and take the same, vpon payne to lose and forsaite for every tyme offending this act. v. li. The one moitie of all whiche forsaiture aforesaid shall be to the kyng our soueraigne lord, & the other moitie therof to the party that will sue for the same

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in any of the kynges courtes of record, in whiche tyme the defendaunt shall not wage his lawe, nor any protection or ellopne shall be allowed.

And it is also enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that if the sayde surveyour of the lynes, or the clerke of the same, do willingly withdraw or conserte any record or profit, that shulde come or growe to the kynges maiestie his heyres or successours, by reason of the same: that than he or they so offending shall lose to the kinge our souerayne lord his heyres and successours the double value of the thyng so concealed or withdrawn, the same to be leuyed and recovered agaynst suche persons so offending upon an information therof to be made by the partie greued. And the same duly proued in the same court of the wardes and lynes.

And also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayde mapster for the tyme being, shall haue power and auctoritie, to take recognisances of all and every persone and persones, that shall be called into the court of the wardes and lynes, to answer to any matter alleged agaynst them in the sayde court, to make there dayly apperaunce in the sayd court, to answer to such matter as to them than and there from tyme to tyme shalbe alleged. And that all suche recognisances, of what summe so ever they be, shall be as good and effectual in the law to all intentes and purposes, as recognisances taken in the kynges high court of chauceyre, or elles where before any iudge of record within this realme. And that the sayde mapster for the tyme being, with the aduise of the court, or of suche number of the same, as than shalbe present, so that they be two besides the sayde mapster, shall haue full power and auctoritie to moderate suche recognisances, as be or shall be there foresayd, and to sette fines for the same to the kynges vse, vnder the summes conteyned in the sayde recognisances: The same fines to be leuyed by lyke proces of Scire facias, as by the statute made in the .xxvii. yere of our souerayne lord the kynges reygne is gyuen to the chancellour of the court of augmentation of the reuenues of his graces crowne. And that the sayd mapster for the tyme being, with the aduise aforesayde, shall haue power and auctoritie to commit to ward any person or persons for his or their disobedience contempt or other offence made or to be made, triable within the kynges sayd court of the wardes and lynes, and vpon the sayd matters ordered or decreed there, to deliuer them from prison, and to cancell and make void all recognisances and obligations taken or hereafter to be taken in the same court to the kinges vse, whan and as often as the sayd mapster, with the aduise of the sayde court or thye of them, shall see and perceyue the matters and causes, for the whiche any suche recognisance or obligation hath or hereafter shall happen to be taken, to be fynished and ended, and the kinges grace his heyres or successours, or the party thervppon satisfied without any other warrant for the same.

And be it further enacted, that all and every such heyre and heyres, which hereafter shall be in case to sue lincere, where the landes and tenementes of the sayde heyre or heyres exceede not the perel value of. v.li. that than every

such heere shal lawfully sue forth his general livery by warrant to be made and hadde from the saide court of the kinges wardes and liveries, as aforesayde, although there be none other inquisition or inquisitions therof than had ne certified, and that this act shal be warrant sufficient as well to the Chauncellour of England, Chauncellour of the Duchy of Lancaster, and to all other Chauncellours and officers of the kinges courtes, having power to passe liveries under any the kinges seales, for the making out sealyng and delivrie of any liveries accordyng to the tenour purpote and effect of suche billes, with other clauses of coure necessarie for the same, takyng for the fees of everie suche livery, as is befoze expessed for the fees of general liveries, not exceedinge the yerelie value of. v. li. as though the same livery were made and sued forth vpon an office found by vertue of the kinges wote any lawe heretofore made or other thynge in this present acte to the contrary notwithstandinge.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all and every person and persones, to whom the kinges byghnes shal graunt anye livery in foume aforesaid, to be sued vpon his byll assigned therof with the kinges most gracious hand, or with the handes of the officers of his graces court of the wardes and liveries, as befoze is expessed, sue forth his patente within thye monethes next after the assignement of the saide byll, or elles the same byll and the effecte therof to be utterly void and of none effecte.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that the Clerkes of the Petty bagge in the Chauncerie, shal not be compellyd to certifie anye Transcrypte of anye office in to the kynges Eschequer, but ewyle in the pte: That is to saye, They shal certifie the transcryptes of all offices founden and returned in to the Chauncerie, betwene Easter and sainte Mychaell the archangelle yerelie in the terme of St. Mychaell: And the transcryptes of all offices founden and returned in to the sayde chauncerie betwene Myhelmasse and Easter, they shal certifie into the sayde Eschequer yerely in the terme of Easter, and not otherwise, anye thing contened in this statute, or in any other statute heretofore made to the contrary therof notwithstandinge.

Provided alwayes, that this acte nor anye thynge therein contened, shal in any wise extende to be prejudiciall or hurtfull to anye royaltes liberties franchises priuiledges preeminences and iurisdiccions of the countie Palantyne and duchy of Lancaster, or of any of them, but that the same royaltes liberties franchises priuiledges preeminences and iurisdiccions and everye of them, shal still continue and remaine to the countie Palantyne and duchy of Lancaster, as fully plenarly and holly as they vpd befoze the makinge of this acte, anye thynge in the same acte contened to the contrary notwithstandinge.

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In act to p:ocede by a commission of Oyer and Determiner agaynst
 suche persons as shall confesse treason. &c. without reman-
 dyng the same to be tried in the shyre where the of-
 fence was committed. Capit. xxiij.



In as muche as dyuerse and sundry persons upon great
 groundes of behement suspicions, as well of hgh treason
 pety treason and misprisions of treason, as of murders, bee
 many tymes sente for from diuerse the shyres and places of
 this realme, and other the kynges dominions, to the kynges
 maiesties great charges and expences, to be examined befoze
 the kynges highnes counsell upon their offences, to the intent that conuiction
 or declaracion of suche persons shulde speedily ensue, as the matres of theyr
 cases shulde requyre And albeit that after great trauaile taken in the exami-
 nations of suche persons it appere to the said counsell by confession witnes
 or behement suspect, that suche persones be rather guiltie of suche offences,
 wherof they be so examined, than otherwyse, yet neuerthelesse suche offen-
 dours so examined, by the course of the common law of this realme, must
 be indited within the shyres or places where they committed theyr offences,
 and also tried by the inhabitauntes or freeholders of suche shyres & places,
 although by their confessions, or by sufficient witnes theyr offences be cer-
 tainly known to the kynges counsell, by reason wherof, besyde the trauaile
 & pences of the kynges maiesties counsell, in suche cases, the kynges highnes
 is oftentimes put to great charges and expences, in remaundyng suche per-
 sons to the countreis where they offended, there to bee indited and tried of
 theyr offences. And sometime the inhabitauntes and freeholders of the shy-
 res or places, where suche offences were done, be compelled to appere out of
 theyr shyres and places for suche causes, to their great charges, for the trial
 or declaracion of suche offences: And sometime by occasion of the charges
 for remaundyng of suche offendours to bee indited and tried by the course
 of the common law, suche offendours lie still in prison and bee forgotten,
 wherby many times by helpe of their confederates they escape unpunished,
 to the great courage & euill example of euill doers. Be it therefore enacted
 by the kyng our soueraigne lord, and by the assent of the lordes spirituall
 and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and
 by auctoritie of the same, that if any person or persons, being examined bee
 for the kynges counsell or thye of them, upon any maner of treasons misprisi-
 ons of treasons or murders, do confesse any such offences, or that the said
 counsell or thye of them, upon suche examinacion, shall thynke any person so
 examined, to be behemently suspected of any treason misprisions of treasons
 or murder: than that in every suche case by the kynges commaundment, his
 maiesties commission of Oyer and terminer, vnder his highnes great seale
 shalbe made by the Chancellour of Englande to suche persons, and into su-
 che shyres or places, as shalbe named and apoynted by the kynges highnes

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for the speedy tryall conuiction of delpueraunce of suche offendours, whiche commissioners shal haue power and auctoritie to enquire here & determine all suche treasons misprisions of treasons and murders, within the shires and places limited by thei commission by suche good and lawfull persones as shalbe retourned befoze them by the shyeffe or his minister, or any other hauinge power to retourne wyttes and proces for that purpose, in what so euer other shyre or place within the kynges dominions or without, suche offences of treasons misprisions of treasons or murders so examined, were done or committed, and that in suche cases no challenge for the shyre or hundred shal be allowed.

¶ Provided that bypon the triall of suche treasons misprisions of treasons and murders, the challenge to any iurer for lacke of freehold of the perely value of .xl.s. shal be allowed as hath bene accustomed.

¶ Provided also that if any the peeres of the realme shal happen to be ended of any of the offences, aforesayd by vertu of any such commission to be graunted by auctoritie of this act, yet neuerthelesse they shal haue thei tryall by peeres in lyke maner & fourme as heretofore hath ben vled, any thyng in this acte conteyned, or any thing to be done by vertue thereof in any wyse not withstanding. And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that peremptory chalenge shal not from henceforth be admitted or allowed in any cases of hygh treason, nor misprision of hygh treason.

¶ An acte that no man shal be Justice of assise in his owne countrey. Cap. xxiii.



Here in the parlyament holden in the .viii. yere of kyng Richard the seconde it was enacted ordeyned & established, that no man lerned in the lawes of this realme, shoulde from this tyme forth be iustice of assise in the countrey where he dwelleth. And that the chiefe iustice of the comon place shulde be from thensforth assigned amonge otheer iustices to the raigne of the sayd assises, but as the chiefe iustice of the kynges beche there shulde be doone & vled, as hath ben vled for the most part by the space of one hundred yeres next befoze, as by the sayd acte moze at large it doth and may appere. Spns the making of whiche sayde good act & lawe dyuers iustices & men lerned in the lawes of this realme, haue by thei owne meanes industry and policy, & for thei owne comoditie & ease, obteyned contrary to the forme of the sayde acte, to be iustices of assises in the countreys and countiees where they were bozne, or were inhabiting, whereby some gelosy of thei affection & fauour toward thei kynsmen allvance & frendes within the sayde countreys or countiees, where they were so bozne or inhabitinge, hath bene comyned and had agaynst them by the kynges most louyng subiectes of the same countreys & countiees. For refozmacion wherof, the kynges most louyng subiectes, & the comons in this present parlyament assembled, most hably desired

and desyre the kynges maiestie, & that it be enacted by the kynges maiestie, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that no iudice nor other man learned in the lawes of this realme, shal at anye tyme from the first of Easter nexte coming, use nor exercise the office of iustice of assise within any countie, where the sayde iustice was bozne or doth inhabite, vpon paine to forsaite for euery offence done contrary to the soueraine of this present act one hundred poundes: the moortie wherof to be to our souerain lord the kyng, and the other moortie therof to be the partie that wyl sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes by bill playnt informacion action of debt, or otherwysse, in the whiche suite no protection eslopie nor wager of lawe shall be admitted nor allowed.

¶ Provided alwaie & be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that this acte of any thyng herein conteyned shall not extende be construed or interpretate to touche or concerne any person or persons, that nowe are or hereafter shal be clerks or clerkes of assises, & shal be associate to any Iustice of assise, of or in any countie citie or town within this realme of England, where in the same person or persons clerke or clerkes so associate, do dwelle or were bozne, but that all and euery clerke and clerkes of assises, whiche nowe doo exercise or occupy, or hereafter shal exercise or occupy any office of clerkship of assises, shal and maye exercise and occupie the same in any countie citie or towne, wherin the same clerke or clerkes of assises do dwell, or were bozne, and anye thinge in this acte contained to the contrarye notwithstanding.

¶ Provided also that these termes, Iustices of assises, or other persons learned in the lawes in the realme, shal not extende or in any wise be interpretate to any mayors shyppes recorders stewardes bailiffes scutlers or other officers, being bozne or dwelling within any citie borough or towne within this realme of Englands, but that they may be iustices of assises, of freche force or of other assises of the same citie borough or towne, where he or they doe or shall dwell, or were bozne, as they or any of them befoze this tyme haue or myght haue ben to all ententes & purposes, any thyng in this act conteyned to the contrarye notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alwayes, that this acte nor any thyng therein conteyned, shal be prejudiciall to any iustice or iustices of the one bench or other, for takinge hearinge or determininge assises in the sayed courtes in the one benche or the other, nor to any iustice that shal take any assise by or vpon adiournement for difficultie of the same.

¶ Provided alwaie & be it enacted that any clerke of assise, duringe the onely tyme of the session, of or for any assise or assises, or of or for any Assizing, shal not be of counsell with any person or persons within any circuite, wherof he shal be clerke of assise, other wise than to that office onely appertyneth, vpon paine to forsaite for euery tyme offendynge contrarye to this statute. Item the one moortie therof to be to the kyng our soueraygne lord, & the other moortie to the party greued, to be sued in any of the kynges courtes of

tes of recoꝛde by action of debt, bill, plaint, informacion, oꝛ otherwise, in whiche the suite no esopne protection wazer of law oꝛ other delatoꝝr plea shall be admitted oꝛ allowed.

CProuided also and be it enacted by the auctozity abovesayd, that this act oꝛ any thyng therein conteyned, extende not vnto the iustices iustice clerkes oꝛ clarke of assises, within our soueraygne loꝛde the kynges duchy and countie palantyne of Lancaster, noꝛ to any of them that now be oꝛ hereafter shall be, but that the same iustices iustice clerkes and clerke, and euery of them, shall and maie execute theiꝝ offices and euery of them, in suche maner and fourme as they oꝛ any of them haue vsed to dooe befoze the making of this present act, this act oꝛ any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary therof not withstanding.

CAn act foꝛ the making free certayne chyldꝛen boꝛne beyonde the sea, and to put the same chyldꝛen in the nature of mere englyshmen. Cap. xxv.



Where Thomas Poyntz of London grosser, occupying the seate of marchandise in the parties beyonde the sea, married there a woman of that countrey boꝛne, and had by hit in lawfull matrimony diuerse chyldꝛen yet liuyng, whiche intende by goddis grace to bee the kynges faithfull and obedient subiectes: when also wyllyam Castelyn of London mercer, occupying in the parties of Anar, within the cite of Chio in Grecia, toke to his wife one Angelera daughter to Michael Willacho of the same cite, and had by hyꝝ in lawfull matrimony a sonne called Edward yet liuyng, whiche likewise intendeth by goddis grace to bee the kynges faithfull and obedient subiect: And when also John Dymocke, late one of the gentylmen vsshers of the kynges most honorable chaumber, was in the parties beyonde the sea, that is to witten Andwarpe in the countie of Babande, about the kynges affaires, and there toke to his wife Beatrice, daughter of one John van Cleue, and hadde by hit in lawfull matrimony a sonne called John Dymocke yet liuyng, which intendeth (god willyng) to bee the kynges faithfull and obedient subiect: wherfoze be it enacted and established by the kynges highnes, with the assente of the loꝛdes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctozitie of the same, that as well the saied John Dymocke, the sonne of John Dymocke, and Edward Castelyn, as all the saied chyldꝛen of the saied Thomas Poyntz now boꝛne and euery of them, shall bee from hencefoꝛth reputed and taken the kynges naturall subiectes, as lawfull persones boꝛne within this realme of Englande, and as free persones, to all intentes constructions and pourpuses, as if they and euery of them hadde benne boꝛne within this realme of Englande, and also shall from hencefoꝛth by the saied auctozitie, bee enabled and adiudged able to all intentes constructions and pourpuses, as well

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to demaunde challenge haue and enioye landes, tenementes, and heredita-
mentes, as heyre or heires to any of his or theyr auncestours, by reason on-
ly of any discent righte or title, whiche after the fyfte date of this parlia-
ment shall discente accrue come or growe vnto them or anye of theym, and
to haue and enioy landes tenementes and hereditamentes by waie of poue-
chase or gift of anye persone or persons, as also for to persecute and defende
all maner of actions and suites, and all other lafull thinges what so euer
to doe as lyberrally frankly lafullie surely and freely, as if they and euerye
of them had bene naturallie bozne within this realme of Englande, and as
any other person or persons naturallie bozne within this realme of England
maie lafully do, anye lawe acte statute custome or dinaunce or other thinge
what so euer had made done ordeined proclaimed or provided to the contra-
rie herof in anye wise not withstandinge.

In acte to make frustrate certayne conueiaunces deuised by
sy John Shelton. Cap. xxvi.



WH E R E f y John Shelton knight deceased, beyng a man
of great possessions in his lyfe tyme by the aduise of synner
counceyl practised deuised and made by conapne diuers craft-
y deedes estates and other conueiaunces in the lawe, as well
vnto him selfe as to other persones, of and in his manours
landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, in the countie of
Norfolke and Suffolke, not onely to the intente to disceyue and exclude the
kinges maiestie of his primer sealon prerogative wardship and ryghtes of
and in the pmisses, but also to thintent to disceyue and exclude the nobles
and other the kinges louinge subiectes of their wardship relieves and suche
lyke seruite, as shulde accrue growe and come vnto them by reason of their
tenures in the pmisses, that is to wytte, The saide sy John Shelton, by
his dede indented, bearinge date the fyfene daye of December, in the xxxi.
yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lord kinge Henry the. viii. did infeoffe
of and in diuers of his manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes in
the saide countie of Norfolke and Suffolke, one John Wyntes to haue vnto
him and to his heyres vpon condicion, that the same John Wyntes with
in fyfene dayes than nexte ensuing, shuld by his dede indented geue the same
manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes to the saide sy John Shel-
ton and his assignes for terme of lxxxix. yeres, than nexte folowinge, with-
out impechement of waste, the remaynder therof after the same terme ended
to Raufe Shelton gentilman, sonne and heire apparant of John Shelton
esquyre, sonne and heire of the saide sy John Shelton, and to the heires ma-
les of the bodye of the saide Raufe Shelton gentilman lafully begotten;
and for default of suche yssue the remaynder thereof to the heires males of
the bodye of the saide sy John Shelton lafully begotten, with diuers other
remainders ouer, as by the saide dede indented amonges other thinges therein
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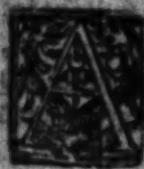
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conteyned moze playnly is shewed & may appere. And also the said s^r John Shelton, by one other dede indented bearing date the sayde fyfteenth day of September, in the sayd. xxxi. yere of our sayde soueraygne lord the kynges reygne, dyd geue byuers other of his manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes to the saide John Wynnes, to haue vnto hym & to his heires vpon condicio, that the said John Wynnes within fyfene days than next folowynge shuld by his dede indented geue the same manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes to dame Anne th^a wyfe of the said s^r John Shelton for terme of her lyfe, the remainder therof after her decease to the sayde s^r John Shelton for terme of his life, without impechement of waste, and after his detesse the remainder therof to the sayde John Shelton esquire, without impechement of waste, for terme of. lx. yeres (yf he so longe lyued) and after the same terme determined, the remainder therof to the said Raife Shelton gentelman, and to the heires males of his bodie lausfully begotten & for default of suche yssue, the remainder therof to the heires males of the bodie of the saide s^r John Shelton lausfullie begotten, with diuers other remainders ouer. And mozeouer the saide s^r John Shelton by the same his dede indented dyd geue diuers other of his manours, landes tenementes, and hereditamentes in the saide countie of Norfolk and Suffolke, to the saide John Wynnes, to haue vnto hym and to his heires and assignes for euer, vpon condicio that the same John Wynnes, within. xv. dayes than nexte folowing, shuld by his dede indented geue the same manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes to the saide dame Anne for terme of. lxxx. yeres, than nexte folowing: and yf the saide dame Anne shoulde fortune to die within the same terme, than the remainder therof to the sayde s^r John Shelton his executours and assignes during the residue of the same terme, and after the same terme ended, than the same premysse to remaine to the saide Raife Shelton gentelman, and to the heires males of his bodie lausfullie begotten, and for default of suche yssue the remainder thereof to the heires males of the bodie of the saide s^r John Shelton lausfullie begotten, with diuers other remainders ouer, as by the same dede indented amonges other thinges therein conteyned moze plainlie is shewed and maie appere. And as it appereth as well by wrytinge as otherwyle, the saide John Wynnes after that by his seuerall dedes indented, bearing date in the saide moneth of September, executed seuerall estates of and in all and singular the premysse, accordyng to the saide seuerall dedes of feoffment with condicions therein conteyned. And moze ouer the saide s^r John after that declared his laste wyll of and in the premysse for and to th^a intent aforesaid. All whiche matters after the deathe of the saide s^r John Shelton, beinge reueled vnto the kynges most royall maiestie, was by his graces commaundement, deliberateli examined before the lordes of his most honorable counsell, before whome vpon the examinacion therof, it playnly appered, as well by the confessions of the parties and deuisors of the saide wrytinges and dedes, as otherwyle, that the sayd dedes estates wil & other conueiances, made in the

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life of the said *sy* John Shelton, were devised had and made by couyne, for & to thintent aforesaid, by reason wherof the said John Shelton esquier, sonne & heire of the said *sy* John Shelton, beyng aboute the age of. xii. yeres at the tyme of the death of his said father, did sue a speciall lyuerie out of the kynges maiesties handes, of and in all the said manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, as heire vnto the said *sy* John his father, as of recoorde moze plainly appereth. For the plain declaration of the aduoyding and adnichilatyng of the said crafty and wyorde dedes estates will and conueiances, deuised by fraude and coueyne as is aforesaid: Be it ordeyned established and enacted by the auctorite of this present parliament, that all and singular the said dedes estates wyl and other conueiances had and made as is aforesaid, and the possessions and liuerie of seison therupon made and deliuered accordyngly, and also all and singular giftes grauntes remainders reuercions articles clauses and woordes in them and euerye of them contened, be demed and adiudged clerely boide and of none effect, to al intentes constructions and purposes. And that the said *sy* John Shelton, by the auctorite of this present parliament, be demed reputed & adiudged in actuall and real possession at the tyme of his death, of, and in al & singular the said manours lades tenementes and hereditamentes, of the same or like estate of inheritance, as if no suche dede or dedes estates wyl or other coueiances had neuer ben had or made, and also of the same estate of inheritance, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as the same manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes were in the said *sy* John Shelton at or before the making of the said seuerall dedes estates will and other conueiances, the said dedes estates will and conueiances or anye of them, or any thyng in them or anye of the contened to the contrarie in anye wise not withstanding. **¶** Provided alwaie and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that this act or anye thing therein contened, be not in any wise prejudiciall or hurtfull vnto the said dame Anne Shelton, for or concernyng anye manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes assigned or appointed sithen the deathe of the said *sy* John vnto the same dame Anne onlie for terme of hir life, by reason of a warde made by the high and mightie prince Thomas duke of Norfolk. lord Tresourer of England, or by anye couenant bonde or agrement had or made by the said John Shelton esquier sithen the deeth of the said *sy* John Shelton, any thing in this act contenged to the contrarie not withstanding.

¶ In act for leases of hospitals, colleges, & other corporations to bee good and effectuall with the consent of the moze partie. Cap. xxvii.



It beitt that by the common lawes of this realme of Englande; all assentes elections grauntes and leases had made and graunted by the deane wardene prouost maister president or other gouernour of anye cathedraill churche hospital college or other corporation, by what so euer name thei bee incorporate or founded, with

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with the assent and consent of the moze or greater part of their chapter fellows or brethren of such corporation, hauing voices of assent thereunto, be as good and effectual in the law to the graunters and lessees of the same, as if the residue of the whole number of such chapter fellows and brethren of suche corporation hauing voices of assent, had therunto consented and agreed ~~per the said common lawes~~ not withstanding, diuers founders of suche deaneries hospitalles colleges & corporations within this said realme haue vpon the foundation and establisshement of the same deaneries hospitalles colleges and other corporations establisshed & made amonges other theyr peculiar actes, locall statutes and ordinaunces, that if any one of suche corporation hauing power or auctoritie to assent or disassent, shulde & wolde deny any suche graunt or grauntes, that than no such lease election or graunt shuld be had graunted or leased, and for the perforaunce of the same every person hauing power of assent to the same, haue ben and be dailely therunto sworn, & so the residue may not procede to the perfection of suche elections grauntes and leases, accordyng to the course of the common lawes of this realme, oneles they shulde incurre & daunger of perjury. For the aduoidyng wherof, & for the due execution of the common lawe vniuersally within this realme & every place in one conformitye of reason to be vsed: Be it ordeined establisshed and enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that al and every peculiar act order rule and estatute heretofore made, or hereafter to be made by any founder or founders of any hospital colledge deanery or other corporation, at or vpon the foundation of any such hospital colledge deanery or corporation, whereby the graunt lease gyfte or election of the gouernour or ruler of suche hospital colledge deanery or other corporation, with the assent of the moze part of suche of the same hospital colledge deanery or corporation, as haue or shall haue voyce of assent to the same, at the tyme of such graunt lease gyfte or election hereafter to be made, shulde be in any wyse hyndered or let by any one or moe beyng the lesser number of suche corporation, contrary to the fourme order and course of the common lawe of this realme of England, shal be from henceforth clerely frustrate voyde and of none effect. And that al othes heretofore taken by any person or persons of suche hospital colledge deanery or other corporation, shalbe for and concernyng the obseruaunce of any suche order estatute or rule, demed voyde and of none effect. And that from henceforth no maner person or persons of any suche hospitall colledge deanery or other corporation, shall be in any wyse compelled to take any othe for the obseruyng of any suche order estatute or rule, vpon the peyn of every persons geuyng suche othe, to forsaue for every tyme so offendyng. v. l. the one moytie therof to be to the vse of our soueraignelorde the kynge, and the other moytie thereof to any of the kynges subiectes, whiche will sue for the same, in any of the kynges courtes of records, by action of debte, bill, playnt, informacion, or otherwise, wherein the defendant shal not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection nor eloyne, or any other delatozr plea admitted or allowed.

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An act for the chauncellour of the duchy of Lancaster, the chauncellour of the augmentacions, and certayne other noble men to rectepne chapleyns. Cap. xxviii.

WHERE in the parliament holden at westm, in the .xxi. yere of your most gracious reigne. it was amonges other thinges ordeyned and provided, that certayne honozable persons & other of your highnes counsellours and officers, as wel spiritual as tempozall, shoulde and moughe haue chapleyns beneficed with cure, to serue and attende vpon them in their houses, which chapleyns shall not incurre the daunger of any penaltie or forfayture made and declared in the same parliament, for none residence vpon thei lordes benefices, or for obteynynge lycences for dispensacions of pluralities, in which act is no provision made for any the head officers of your graces severall courtes of your duchy of Lancaster, the courtes of augmentacions of the revenues of your highnes crowne, the fyist frutes and tenthes, the maister of your maiesties wardes and liueries, the generall surueyors of your graces landes, and other your graces courtes. In consideration wherof it may please your maiestie, that it may be enacted by your highnes, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the Chauncellour of the saied courte of the duchy of Lancaster, the Chauncellour of your highnesse court of augmentacions, the chauncellour of your graces court of fyist frutes and tenthes, the maister of your highnes wardes and liueries, and euery of your graces generall surueyors of your highnes landes, the treasurer of your graces chaumber, the treasurer of your highnes court of augmentacions, & the goorne of your graces scoole, and euery of the for the tyme beyng shal and may retayne synghulerly to euery of them in his house, or attendant vnto his person, one chaplein hauing one benefice with cure of soules, whiche may be absent from his saied benefice and not resident vpon the same, the saied estatute made in the saied .xxi. yere of your most gracious reigne, or any other estatute act or ordinaunce made to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

Ordeyned alwap and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that euery of the saied chapleyns, so beyng beneficed, as is aforesayd, and dwelling with any the officers afoze named, shall personally repaire two times in euery yere at the least to his said benefice and cure, and there to tary and abyde by the space of .viij. daies at euery suche tyme at the least, to visite and instruct his sayed cure, vpon the peyne to forfayte for euery tyme so fayllynge .s. the one moytie thereof to the kynge our soueraygne lord, the other to suche as wpll sue for the same by action of debt byll playnt or informacion in any of the kynges courtes of record, in whiche suite no eslopyne protection or wager of law shall be allowed.

An acte to enable persons late religiousse to sue
and to be sued. Cap. xxix.



WHERE in the parliament holden at westmynster, the xxviii. daye of Aprill, in the xxxi. yere of the reygne of our soueraygne lord Henry the. viii. by the grace of god kyng of Englande Fraunce and Irelande, defendoure of the fayth, and of the churche of Englande, and also of Ireland in earth the supreme head: It was and is ordeyned and enacted by auctorite of the saied parliament, that all and synghuler such religiousse persones, as well men as women professed, of what order rule or habyt so euer they were, whiche thenne were or after that tyme shoulde be put at their liberties from the daungier seruitude and condicion of their religion and profession, wherunto they were professed, by reason of suppression dissolupng forsaithure by attaynder renderpng or other wyse geuyng to the handes of the kynges maiestie, thei houses monasteries and possessions, shulde, by auctorite of the saied parlyament, from and after the first day of the same parliament, and from and after the tyme that they were or shulde be putte at suche libertie, haue free lybertie to purchase to them and to their heires in fee simple fee tale for terme of lyfe for years or at wyll, manours landes tenementes rentes annuities or other hereditamentes and thynges what so euer they were, in lyke maner and fourme as though they or any of them had neuer ben professed nor entred into any such religion: & that the same religiousse persons and euery of them, by auctorite of the saied act of parliament, shuld be able to sue or to be sued in all maner of actions plaintes & suites, what so euer they were of and for any matter or cause growen litheris and after the tyme of their seueral deraynmentes or departing out of their religion, in all courtes places and iurisdiccions within this realme of Englande, as other the kynges subiectes were, and that they and euery of them shulde and might from that tyme vse and exerceise receiue take haue and enjoye al and euery laful thing and thynges from thenforth to be growen fallen or happened vnto them or any of them, after the saied deraignement or departing out of their religion, in as large and ample maner fourme and condicio, as if they had neuer ben professed nor entred in to religion, this same profession or religion, or any law custome or vse within the sayde realme of Englande to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstanding, as by the saied act amonge other articles clauses and promysos more playnly appereth. And for as much as dyuers ambiguities & doubtes daily do arise, whether the saied act extend vnto suche late religious persons as were in dyuers late religious houses & monasteries, whiche by the kynges hyghnes were immediatly transposed and translated from their religion and olde corporacion into a new corporacion, and neuer came and remained in his graces handes, neether by suppression, dissolupng, forsaithure by attaynder, ne suche lyke, accordyng to the wordes of the saied former act.

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In aduoydng of whiche sayd ambiguities and doubted: Be it now ordeyned and enacted by the kyng our souerayne lord, and the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons of this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, and that the sayd act of parliament aboue remembred, made in the sayed. xxi. yere, shall extend as well to all suche persons, whiche be luyng, that were religious persons in any of the sayed houses, which were so translated and transposed from one corporaciō into an other, which at any tyme was professed o: were religious personnes, in any of the sayed houses within this realme of Englande, and that they and euery of them from the tyme of theyr sayed severall deraignement and dyscharge of theyr sayd p:essions and religions, shalbe in lyke qualite estate condicion and degre, and also shall take haue and enioy like benefite commoditie profite and aduantage, & with lyke prouiso onely, and not otherwys, to euery intent and in euery thyng, as any other religious person o: personnes may and shall haue, take, and enioy by vertue of the sayed former act aboue remembred, the same profession o: religion, o: any law custome o: vse to the contrary therof in any wyse notwithstanding.

In act confirmyng the auctoritie of the Deane and Chapter of Lichfield, in makynge leases and other grauntes. Cap. xxx.



WHERE before this tyme the chapter vnto the see and bishopricke of Couentre & Lichfelde, was the priore and convent of the late priore o: monastery of our blessed lady of Couentre, within the countie of the cite of Couentre, And the deane and chapter of the cathedrall church of Lichfelde in the countie of Stafforde, by reason wherof all leases grauntes and estates, made of any the manours landes tenementes hereditamentes fees offices o: any other thyng belonging o: apperteynyng vnto the said see and bishopricke, o: wherof the bishop of the sayed see of Couentre and Lichfelde for the tyme being, was sealed in the right of the sayd bishopricke, o: goyng out of any of the said manours, lades tenementes o: hereditamentes belongyng vnto the same bishopricke, whiche shuld be good o: of any effect in the law to bynde his successours in succession after the death of the sayed bishop of the said bishopricke for the tyme being grauntour lessour o: geuer of any the p:emysles, as is aforesaid, ought to be made in wytyng by the same bishop for tyme being vnder his seale, & in his lyfe tyme to be also by wytyng sealed with the common seale of the priour and couente for the tyme being of the sayde late priore o: monastery of couentre, and also with the chapter seale of the deane and chapter for the tyme being of Lichfelde, ratified and confirmed: whiche sayed priore o: monasterie of Couentre dyuers yeres now past was lawfully dissolued extyncte and determined, all be it sithen that tyme dyuers and sundrie gyftes grauntes and leases haue ben made in wytyng of and in parcel of the p:emysles, o: goyng out of

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the same, by the now byshop of the saied byshoppe, and also confirmed in wrytyng by the deane and chapter of Lichfield aforesaid, vnder their chapter seale. And forasmuch as it is in doubt and question amonges diuers persons, whether the confirmation of the saied deane and chapter of Lichfield is sufficient in the law, to make perfite and good suche gyftes grauntes and leases heretofore, sythen the dissolution of the saied late priory, made or hereafter to be made in wrytyng by the byshop of the saied see, or byshoppe of Couentre and Lichfield for the tyme being, of any manors landes tenementes hereditamentes, or other thyng belonging to the same byshoppe, or goyng out of the same, and ratified and confirmed also in wrytyng by the deane and chapter of Lichfield aforesaid, shulde be good and effectuell in the law, to bynde in succession the successours of the saied now byshop, accoording to the tenour purpozt and effect of the same gyftes grauntes leases and other wrytynges, so made by the saied byshop, and confirmed by the saied deane and chapter of Lichfield, as is aforesaid: by occasion wherof, dyuers of the kynges subiectes, as well fermours and lessees for terme of lyfe lyues and yerres, as other maye be put to great vexacions suppres troubles and losse of theyr goodes, to theyr great empouerishment. In eschewyng of whiche sayd ambiguities questions and doubtes, and of all suiter vexacions and troubles, that myght ensue by meanes therof: Be it enacted ordeyned and established by the kyng our soueraigne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by thauthorite of the same, that all & singuler gyftes grauntes leases & other wrytynges, at any tyme sythen the dissolution of the sayd late priory or monastery of Couentre made, or hereafter to be made by the bishop of Couentre & Lichfield for the tyme being in wrytyng vnder his seale, of any manours landes tenementes hereditamentes offices fees or any other thing belonging to the said bishoppe, or goyng out of any the same premises, and ratified and confirmed by the deane and chapter of Lichfield for the tyme being in wrytyng vnder theyr chapter seale, shall bee and stande good and effectuell in the law, to bynde in succession the successours of the saied byshop, accoording to the tenours purpoztes and effectes of the same gyftes grauntes and leases made and hereafter to be made in wrytyng by the saied byshoppe of Couentre and Lichfield for tyme being, and confirmed by the deane and chapter of Lichfield as is aforesaid. And that by the same authorite the deane and chapter of Lichfield aforesaid, and theyr successours for the tyme being, shalbe from henceforth for ever accepted taken reputed and adiudged to be the full etier and sole see and chapter of the sayde byshoppe of Couentre and Lichfield, and belongyng and appertaynyng vnto the same byshoppe, in name nature auctorite and qualyte, to all intentes, constructions, and pourposes, as the sole chapter of the same byshoppe: And shal haue full power and auctorite to ratifie and confyrme in wrytyng vnder theyr chapter seale, all and all maner gyftes, grauntes, and leases, hereafter to bee made or graunted in wrytyng by any byshoppe of the saied

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said byshoppe of Couentre and Lichfield for the tyme being, vnder his seale, of any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes belonging vnto the said byshoppe, or of any rentes offices or other perely pofytes out of the same manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, or any parcell therof, in as ample and large maner fourme and condicion, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as the deane and chapter of sapincte Paule in London for the tyme being, maye lawfullye ratifye or confirme in writynge vnder their chapter seale, any gifte graunte or lease made or hereafter to be made in writynge by the byshop of London for tyme being, vnder his seale, of any lades tenementes offices or other pofytes belonging to his bishoppe of London.

Prouided always, that this act or any thyng therein conteyned, do not extende to bynde any foundour or geuer of any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes of the said see and bishoppe of Couentre and Lichfield, or ther vnto belonging, of for or concernyng all suche action and suites, as they or any of them may shuld or ought to haue by reason of any alienacion in fee simple or in fee taylor, hereafter to be made of any the manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes of the said byshoppe of Couentre and Lichfield, or of any part therof.

Prouided also, that this acte or any thing therein conteyned, extend not to any coppholde lades of the same byshoppe, letten out by copy of court roll after custome and maner, but that the same copies, and the state and estates of the coppholders therein, shall continue remaine and be of suche strength and effect, as al other coppholders be accepted and taken by and in the law of this realme, and of no other strength or effect.

Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this act or any thyng therein conteined, be not in any wyse prejudiciall or hurtful to the byshop of Chester for the tyme being, nor yet to the deane and chapter of Chester, for or concernyng any office or offices belongyng or apperteynyng vnto the same byshoppe of Chester, or to the deane and chapter of Chester aforesaid.

In acte disseuerynge the byshoppe of Chester, and of the ple of Man, from the iurisdiction of Cantuebury, to the iurisdiction of York.

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WHERE as the kynges byghnesse of his moste graciously goodnesse, as well for the aduancement of Chrystes religion, as for the better instruction of his subiectes in the lawes of God, hath by his letters patentes, bearing date the .xviij. day of July, in the .xxiii. yere of his noble reigne, erected, founded and established in the late monastery of sapinct werberge, in his cyte of Chester, a cathedrall church, or byshops see, wyllyng the same to be named and called the byshoppe or byshops see of Chester, and to the same hath

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appoynted lymytes and boundes of one perfect and entier diocese, ordeynynge
 & willing the same to be named and called the diocese of Chester. And among
 ges other thinges hath appoynted vnyted & annexed to the sayde diocese of
 Chester, the archdeacons of Richemont, and all the iurisdiction thereof,
 whiche archdeacons was of late parcell of the dyocese of York, & moze
 ouer hath the same hole and entier diocese of Chester, with all the lymytes
 and boundes, and all thynges annexed appoynted and vnyted to the same,
 decreed ordeyned and established to be of the prouynce of the archebysshop
 of Canturbury, and vnder the iurisdiction metropolitall of the same, as in
 the same letters patentis doth moze largely appere. For as much as his
 sayde hyghnes graciously consydereth, that the sayd archebysshop of Cantur-
 bury hath a sufficient number of diocesses & suffragans vnder hym and in
 his prouynce, and that the archebysshop of York hath within the realme of
 Englande onely two suffraganes, and moze ouer, that yf the sayde dyocesse
 shoulde remayne vnder the saied archebysshop of Canturbury, that than all
 his highnes subiectes of all that diocesse of Chester, and so of the archdea-
 cons of Richemont, shoulde be constrained for appeles to resort to the au-
 dience of Canturbury, whiche thyng to many of the saied dyocesse, and spe-
 cially to them of the archdeacons of Richemont, shoulde be by reason of
 long touney of almost .iii. C. myles from somme places thereof, intolera-
 ble fatigacion and imposable charges, and therfore tenderly, lyke a most
 graciously prince studyng and caryng for his saied subiectes most commo-
 ditie quietnes and ease, vpon further deliberacion hath with the aduysse of
 his most honourable counsaile determined and ordeyned to remoue & dis-
 uer the sayd byshoppe and diocesse of Chester, from the sayd prouynce and
 archebysshoppe of Canturbury, and to vnyte and annex the same to the
 prouynce and archebysshoppe of York, as a dyocesse membre & byshoppe
 of the same: Be it therfore ordeined enacted and established by the kynges
 hyghnes, and by the consente of the lordes spiritual and tempozall, and the
 commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritee of the
 same, that the sayde hole and entier dyocesse of byshoppe of Chester, and
 every parcell and membre thereof, be from hensforth vnyted and annexed to
 the prouynce and archebysshoppe of York, as a dyocesse and byshoppe
 of the same. And that from hensforth the sayde dyocesse of Chester, and
 every parcell thereof, exempte as well as not exempte, bee and be taken na-
 med and reputed to be of the prouynce and archebysshoppe of York, and
 of the metropolitall iurisdiction of the same, to every effect and purpose,
 acco:dyng to the ecclesiasticall lawes of this realme: & that the byshop of the
 same that now is, and all other his successours, shall be suffraganes to the
 archebysshoppe of York that now is, and his successours, and to the same
 shall owe their obedience, and be vnder the iurisdiction metropolitall of
 the same, as well they as the deane and chapter of Chester, and al the arch-
 deacon and the whole clergye, and all others the kynges subiectes, beyng
 within the lymytes and boundes of the sayde diocese, any thyng compry-

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sed in the sayde letters patentes of the erection of the sayed dyocesse and byshoppe of Chester not withstanding. And from henceforwarde nother the sayde byshoppe of Chester, nother the clergie, nor any others the kynges subiectes, being of the sayed dyocesse of Chester, shall recognyse the archebyshoppe of Canturbury as they Metropolitane, but onely the archebyshoppe of yorke, and his successours, and to the same shall obey in all thynges accordynge to the lawes, as well tempoꝛall as ecclesiasticall of this realme.

Be it also further enacted and establiſhed by the kynges byghnesse, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and tempoꝛall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the byshoppe and dyocesse of Wyne, in the Ile of Wyne, be also annexed, adioyned, and united to the sayed prouynce and Metropolitane jurisdiction of yorke, in all poyntes and to all purposes and effectes, as the sayed byshoppe of Chester is annexed adioyned and united to the same.

Wherby it is also enacted and be it enacted by our soueraygne lord the kyng, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and tempoꝛall, and the commons in this presente parlyamente assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that this acte be not prejudiciall to the archebyshoppe of Canturbury nowe beinge, nor to his successours, nor to the deane and chapter of the same, ne to any other byshoppe or chapter of this realme, but that all places landes promotions possessiones as well spirituall as tempoꝛall, being and lying without the boundes and lymites of the archedeconries of Richemount and Chester, and without the boundes and lymites of the citee of Chester, and the countie of the same, and the countie of Lancaster and Chester, or any of them, shall be still of the prouynce of Canturbury, and of suche dyocesse and dyocesses as they were of afore the erection of the sayde byshoppe of Chester, and of the jurisdiction of the same, & not of the prouynce of yorke, ne shall be accompted to be any parcell of the sayde dyocesse of Chester, any thyng in this present acte, or in the booke of erection of the sayd byshoppe of Chester, nor withstanding. Saving to the byshop of Chester, and his successours, that his house at Welton, being within the dyocesse of Eouen-tree and Lichfelde, shall be accompted and taken to be of his dyocesse, and that he being resident in the same, shall be taken and accompted as resident in his owne dyocesse, and for the tyme of his abode there, shall haue jurisdiction in the same, lyke wyse as all other byshoppes haue in the howse belonging to their sees, where so ever they lie, in any other byshoppe within this realme for the tyme of theyr abode in the same, any thyng in this present acte and prouision to the contrary thereof in any wyse notwithstanding.

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In Acte for the parische church of whytgate to be made a pa-
rische church of it selfe, and no part of the pa-
rische of Quer. Cap. xxxii.



Here as by the dissolution of the late monastery Waleropol, within the countie of Chester, a certayne church, standing at the abbey gate of the sayd late monastery, amongst other the possessions landes tenementes and hereditamentes of the sayd late monastery, is comen vnto the handes & possession of the kynges highnes, by reason that the sayd church was belongyng to the sayde late monastery, whiche church before the tyme of remembraunce of man, by the vsurped bulles and auctoritie of the byshop of Rome, was made and ordeined to be a parische church, as wel for al and every the tenauntes and inhabitauntes dwellyng of in and vpon the demeanes of the saied late monastery, and of in and vpon all other new incroched ground within the liberties of the saied late monastery, and the granges of the same, as for dyuers other the tenantes of the sayde late monastery, dwellyng in Forwist Gaupl Walterswal Quer Werton, the Brokehousles, and all other houses and graunges, woddes waters pastures and meadowes within the precinct of the parische of Quer, wherof the sayd late abbot was person in the saied countie of Chester, by reason wherof the sayd tenantes and inhabitauntes haue continually, tyme out of mynde, come and resorted vnto the sayd parische church of whytgate, within which tyme they haue continually receiued sacramentes and sacramentals at and in the said parische church of whytgate, and haue continually vsed to mary bury and christen within the same: And now of late at the dissolution of the saied late monastery, the sayd bulles and other writynges, concernyng the sayd vsurped auctoritie, were by the kynges Surueyours burned & destroyed, by occasion wherof the byear of the parische of Quer, within the saied countie, wold now disturbe the saied tenauntes and inhabitauntes of their saied parische church, and wold deduce them from theyr sayd most accustomed parische church of whytgate, vnto his sayd church of Quer, being foure or fife myles distant from their sayd houses and tenementes, which not only shuld be to the great pepnes trouable and discommoditee of the saied tenauntes and inhabitauntes, but also thereby myght growe, that suche laifull marriages shuld be aduoyded as haue heretofore ben solemnised in the face of the sayd church of whytgate beyng as he assuremeth, no parische church, women myght also lose theyr dowres, with manyfold other losses greuances and inconueniences, that were lykely to ensue vpon the same. In auoidyng wherof be it enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord, his lordes spirituall and temporal, and the comons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that the saied church of whytgate shal be the parische church for all and singular the tenauntes and inhabitantes aforesayd: and that the saied church shal be named and called from henceforth, The pa-
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to the church of our blessed lady the virgin of Whitegate, and the aforesaid tenants and inhabitants, shall be discharged of any further resort or repayment to the said church of Duer, and that the persons vicar and curate of the said parish church of Duer, and every of them, and the successors of them and every of them, shall be discharged of the cure of the said tenants and inhabitants.

And be it further enacted by authority aforesaid, that one Richard Beut-on clerk, now incumbent of the same church of Whitegate, and after him some other sufficient and lawful person to be named and appointed by the kinges highnes, shall be vicar perpetuall in the said parish church of Whitegate, and have perpetuall succession in the same, and that he and his successors shall be called vicars of the parish church of our blessed lady the virgin of Whitegate, and shall be enabled by authority of this act, to sue and be sued by that name in all courtes and places in this realme: And that the advowson donacion and presentation of the said vicarage shall apperteyne and belong to the kinges highnes, his heires and successors: and that as well the said new vicar named as aforesaid, as all other vicars hereafter to be named of the said church of Whitegate, shall be presented instituted and inducted to & by the ordinarie and ordinaries of the same realme ben accustomed: And shall paye the vicar frutes and tenthes of the said vicarage vnto the kinges highnes his heires and successors, according to the rate and value thereof. And that also the same vicar and his successors shall have and perceiue all the tythes offerings oblations obventions and other ecclesiasticall duties and rights, that shall perely growe and be due by the customes of the realme & ecclesiasticall lawes of the same to be payde had or made by the aforesaid tenants and inhabitants, except onely the tythe of coyne, whiche shall be payde and satisfied from henceforth by authority of this act, to the kinges highnes his heires successors and patentees of the same.

An acte concernynge the pryviledges of kyngestowne vppon Hull. Cap. xxiii.



HOWASMUCH AS the kynges towne vpon Hulle is situate and buylded in length vppon the haven of the said towne of the part of the east, and vpon the water of Humber, of the part of the south, and for the sauegarde tuition and defence of the same, the said towne is compassed and enclosed with great walles, dyches, and bankes from the southeaste ende of the said haven, as well towards Humber, as of the weste and of the north, vnto the ende of the said haven. And towards the mayntenaunce supportacion and vpholdinge as well of the said walles, dyches, and bankes, as of other clowes howeles, getties, gutters, gootes, and other fortresses there made for the
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Defence of the saied towne and of the saied haven, the mayze burgefes and comminaltee of the saied towne of Hull haue bled tyme out of mynde by theyr officers oꝝ ministers of the same towne, to leuie take and haue of all inhabitaantes of euery such townes in the counteys of Suffolke and Norfolke, as pꝛetende to be pꝛiueleged in the saied kynges towne vpon Hull, of euery last of hearpnges bꝛought thither by shyppe to be sold. xx. d. and foꝝ euery hundred saltfische. iiii. d. and foꝝ euery last of spꝛattes. viii. d. And also of all inhabitaantes of all other townes in the sayd counteys of Suff. and Norff. and elles where, of euery laste of hearpnges bꝛought to the kynges sayd towne of Hull by shyp to be sold. ii. s. iiii. d. and foꝝ euery hundred saltfische iiii. d. and foꝝ euery last of spꝛattes. viii. d. Unto now of late in the. xxvii. yere of the reygne of our souerayne lord the kyng that now is, it was enacted by auctorite of parliemente, that the mayze of the saied towne of kynges towne vpon Hull and his successours, and all other officers and minyꝛs of and within the saied towne, shuld from hencefoꝝth permytte and suffer all the inhabitaantes of the saied counteys of Suff. and Norff. and from any oꝝther place thither repayꝛyng with vitayles at all tyme foꝝ euermoze betwene the feastes of al saintes and the Annũciation of our lady, liberally and frely without interruption oꝝ impedimente to conducte and bꝛyng theyr hearpnges and other fische to the sayde towne, and there to vtter and sell the same, as wel by water as by lande, by retayle oꝝ ingrosse, to whom so euer & when, within the saied tyme befoꝝe expꝛessed, they oꝝ any of them shal thynke moꝝt expedient foꝝ their owne pꝛofytes and commoditees, without any maner of toll custome imposition oꝝ other exactions oꝝ charge to be demaunded leuied oꝝ taken of the seller and bier of the same by the saied mayze oꝝ any other officers oꝝ minyꝛs of oꝝ within the sayd towne oꝝ port of the same foꝝ the said hearpng oꝝ other fische, oꝝ foꝝ the ships oꝝ other vessels, wherein the same hearpng oꝝ fische shulde so be bꝛought oꝝ conducted to the saied towne: except onely suche summes of money as hereafter ensueth: that is to saie, of euery ship thither repayꝛyng with hearpnges oꝝ other fische, as is afoꝝesaid, beyng of the burden of. xx. tunne oꝝ vnder, and not aboue. v. s. And of euery shyp thither repayꝛyng with hearpnges oꝝ other fische, beyng aboue the full burden of. xx. tunne. vi. s. viii. d. and not aboue, as by the saied acte oꝝ statute made in the saied. xxvii. yere moꝝe playnely maie appere. Sithen whiche acte of parliamente made, as is afoꝝesaid, the saied walles dyches bankes and also ietties clowes sloweles goortes gutters and other foztrellies aboute the saied towne, as is afoꝝesaid, haue muche fallen in rume and decaye, because the mayze burgefes and comminaltie of the sayd towne, whiche haue moꝝt part of theyr liuynges by trade of marchandise beyond the sea, be not able ne of power to mayntayne the saied walles dyches bankes ietties and other the pꝛemises agaynst the saied water, and to suppoꝛte and beare suche other great pꝛecely expenses costes and charges, as pꝛecely chance within the saied towne, except they myght haue towarde the same charges suche summes of money as they befoꝝe tyme haue ben accustomed to haue of

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the sayde fysherman, and other inhabitauntes as is aforesayde: And if the sayd walles dyches and other the p̄misses shulde not be mainteyned supported and defended agaynst the sayde water, it woulde be in conclusion the destruction and deuolacion of the said towne of kyngestowne vpon Hull, whiche god defende. In consideration wherof be it enacted by the kyng our souerayne lord, the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the commons in this p̄sent parliamente assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, that the said act and statute, made in the sayde. xxvii. yere, concernyng exactions taken by the maye and comunaltie of the towne of Hull, and euery thyng therein conteyned, make bee from henceforth frustrate and voyde: And that from henceforth it shall be lafull to the maye and burgeises of the kynges said towne vpon Hull, and their successours mayes and burgeises of the same, and all other officers and ministers therefor the tyme beyng from tyme to tyme, at al tymes hereafter, to receiue haue and take of all and euery the inhabitauntes and fyshermen of the said countie of Hull. s. xij. s. and of all other places to the said towne of Hull for suche hearpynges spartres saltfyshe and all other vitayles by them or any of thein hereafter to be brought to be solde vnto the kynges said towne of Hull, suche summes of money as hereafter foloweth, that is to saie, for euery laste of hearpynges of euery person p̄uiledged. xx. d. for the laste: And for euery hundred saltfyshe iii. d. and for euery last of spartres. viii. d. And for euery person not p̄uiledged for euery last of hearpynges. ii. s. iii. d. and for euery hundred saltfyshe iii. d. and for euery last of spartres. viii. d. as afoze the sayde acte so made in the. xxvii. yere of the regne of our said souerayne lord the kyng, the sayde maye and burgeises haue vsed and accustomed to take, any thyng expressed or conteyned in the said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alwaies, and be it also enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that this act or any thyng therein conteyned or expressed, shall not extende nor in any wyse be hurtful or p̄iudicial to charge or onerate any citie borough or towne within this realme, or the inhabitauntes of the same, or any of them, for any moze or other custome imposition or paiement, other wyse than they or any of them of right were charged or chargeable befoze the making of the sayd act or statute, made in the said. xxvii. yere, any thyng expressed or conteyned in this p̄sent act to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

¶ In acte for the towne of Lyne touchyng the reuocation of two sayes. Cap. xxiii.



¶ **W**HERE the kinges maiestee of his most abundant goodnes hath by his letters patentes, vnder his great seale of Englande, bearyng date the. vii. daie of July, in the. xxix. yere of his moste graciouse regne, graunted to the maye and burgeises of his borough of kynges Lyne, in his countie of Nozfolke, that they and their successours shal haue and hold within

within the saied borough two fayres oꝝ martes euery yere from hencefoꝝth that is to saie, one fayre the next daie after the feast of the Assumption of our blessed ladye the virgin, to be holden and to endure by .vi. daies nexte and immediately folowynge the same daie. The other of the saied fayres oꝝ martes to be holden the next day after the feast of the Purification of our blessed ladye the virgyn, and to endure by .vi. daies next immediately folowynge the same daie, as by the sayd letters patentes amonges other thynges more playnely maye appere. foꝝ so muche that as well the burgeses and inhabitantes of the saied borough of kynges Lpne, as many and diuers other persons dwelling nigh the saied borough of kynges Lpne, haue syns the sayd letters patentes made, regrated and gotten into theyꝝ handes and possession great number of saltyshe, as lunge loob codde salt salmon stockyshe and hearpyng, to the great hynderaunce and losse of many of the kynges subiectes, that yereley haue repayred & comen to Wythbygge fayre, Cle fayre, and other faires and markettes in the countie of Cambridge and Huntingto, and other shpyres, foꝝ the pꝛouision of saltyshe and hearpyng foꝝ theyꝝ householdes, and foꝝ the pꝛouision of dyuers other shpyres within this realme of Englande: whiche regratynge is contrary to a common welch, and to dyuers statutes in that case pꝛouided, and contrary to the good intent and meaning of the graunt of the saied fayres and martes, compysed oꝝ specified in the saied letters patentes. Be it therfoꝝ enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that the grant made by the said letters patentes of the sayde two fayres and martes, with al liberties only concernynge the same, shal be from hencefoꝝth frustrate voyde and of none effect: Sauynge alwayes and reseruyng to the mayre and burgeses of the borough of kynges Lpne, in the countie of Nozfolke, and theyꝝ successours, al other lyberties franchises commodities pꝛofyttes, and al other thynges what so euer compysed oꝝ specified in any letters patentes, made by the king our soueraine lord, oꝝ by any of his noble pꝛogenitours, oꝝ by any other concernynge the borough oꝝ towne of Lpne, by what name oꝝ names so euer it is oꝝ hath ben called, oꝝ concernynge þe burgeses & inhabitantes of the sayde borough oꝝ towne of Lpne, oꝝ any of them, oꝝ the successours of any of them, by what name oꝝ names so euer they be oꝝ haue ben incorpozat named oꝝ called, so that this act oꝝ any thyng therein conteyned shal not in any wyse extende oꝝ be expounded to make frustrate voyde, oꝝ to take away any thyng cause oꝝ matter, but onely the saied two fayres oꝝ martes, any thyng conteyned in this act to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

An act concernynge the condites at Gloucester. Cap. xxxv.

VHERE before this tyme the towne of Gloucester now lately called the cite of Gloucester, and the inhabitants and residents within the same, haue ben reasonably furnished comforted and refreshed with good pain

and cleane runnyng water, p[er]sypng out of the heades of frethe springes, situate and beinge within one myle and halfe distant from the saide cite, in one hyll there called Watsons hyll, otherwysse called Robin Hoodes hyll: And for the preservation and continuance of the saide heades and springes, there is and long tyme heretofore hath ben erected and buylded by the inhabitants of the same newe cite, sundry conduite houses of lyme and stone, and from thence the saide water hath ben conveyed under erthe in pyppes of leade, into divers places of the saide cite, and also to the cloyster and houses of the late dissolved monastery of saynt Peter in the same cite, now lately translated & established by the kinges maiestie into a cathedral church of a bishop deane and chapter, whiche said frethe runnyng water is and hath ben not onely a great refreshyng comfote and commoditie to al the kinges subiectes, inhabitinge within the saide cite, but also a singular pleasure to all esttraungers repayng to the same: Tyll nowe of late the saide springes have ben and yet be muche dried wasted and consumed, so that throughe the debyltie and scarcitie of water in the saide springes, lytell or noo water at this tyme cometh or renneth from thence to the conduites & usuall places in the saide cite or mynster, by reason wherof yf some speedy remedy be not foresene and provided for the conveyance bringyng and leadinge of other water springes nowe also beinge in the said hyll, not far distant from the said olde heades, to the pipes gutters and treches of the same olde heades, nowe leadinge and conveyinge the water to the saide cite and mynster, the kinges subiectes inhabitinge within the same cite, for lacke of the saide water, shall be muche greued annoyed and molested, for as muche as frethe and pure runnyng water is and hath ben noted to be one of the mooste necessities comfote and refreshyng to all cities and towncs within this realme, In consideration wherof be it enacted by the king our soveraigne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that from the feast of Easter nexte comynge it shall be lawfull to the maye of the saide cite of Gloucester for the tyme beinge, and also to the deane of the saide mynster or cathedral churche and their successors, and the successors of euerye of them, at all times after the saide feast of Easter, as neede shall requyre to bygge and breake grounde for the conveyance of the said water in al places, in or bypon the sayde hyll, so that the place or places so broken bygged or trenched, be not above halfe a myle distant from the places where the saide olde conduites heades be nowe already buylded and erected, and in such places where it shall be thought mooste apte and necessary by the artificers and workemen of the saide maye or deane for the tyme beinge, to seeke or fynde any newe springe heades in any place within the saide precincts afore mentioned, And upon the same newe springes so found lawfully to erecte and edify new conduyt houses, and there to digge and make ditches vaultes and trenches, and other convenient and necessary thinges for the continuance thereof at all tymes hereafter, at the libertie and pleasure of the saide maye and deane and

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they; successours for evermore. And also from the saide new springes to conuey the water in pipes of leade gutters & trenches vnto the other pipes of leade apperteyning to the saide olde conduites heades, and by suche oꝝ lyke policy and meanes to bypge and conuey the hole water from all the saide heades and springes, vnto the saide cite and mynster, for the common welth, vtilitie and reliefe of the same cite and mynster, and the inhabitantes of the same. And thus to be done and executed with the petye maintenance and reparations of the same, as neede shall require fro tyme to tyme alwayes hereafter. And further that the saide maye and deane and theire successours, and euery of them, for the bypge and breaking of any suche ground oꝝ soyle in any the places aforesaide, and for the purposes aforesaide, shall within xx. dayes nexte after any suche grounde broken by the labourers oꝝ workmen of the said maye oꝝ deane, for the ententes and purposes aforesaide, certiffie contente and paye vnto the owners oꝝ possessours of the saide soyle oꝝ grounde so broken oꝝ bygged, as muche money for the same bypge and breakinge, as shall be adyudged and taxed by the determination and iudgement of.iii. oꝝ.iiii. indifferent men, inhabytyng within the parryshe, where the place so broken buyded oꝝ trenched is oꝝ shall be, and that to be vled for evermore hereafter. And the same.iii. oꝝ.iiii. men alwayes hereafter shall be chosen and named, as well by the owner oꝝ possessor of the grounde so broken for the tyme beinge, as also by the sayde maye oꝝ deane for the tyme beinge, by whose commaundemente any suche grounde oꝝ soyle shall be at any tyme hereafter so digged oꝝ broken: And all suche summes as after the sayde feast of Easter shall be taxed by the sayde.iii. oꝝ.iiii. men for the tyme beinge, so named and chosen for satisfaction of any suche trespassse oꝝ trespasses, shall be payde and satisfied by the sayd maye oꝝ deane for the tyme beinge, within.iiii. dayes nexte after the saide taxation oꝝ iudgemente so made and pꝛodded vpon peyne of the saide maye oꝝ deane so offendynge denyng oꝝ refusinge the payment thereof for euery suche offence to forsaite. xii. s. .iiii. d. the one halfe of whiche sayde forsaiture shall be to the kynge our soueraygne lord, his heires and successours, and the other moitie to any of the kinges subiectes that wyl sue for the same in any of the kynes courtes of recorde, by action of dette byl playnte information oꝝ otherwyle, in which action byl oꝝ playnte no wager of lawe pꝛotectiō nor essoyne shall lye. And neuerthelesse the partie, whose grounde hereafter shall be broken, for none payement of all suche summes of money, as by the sayd.iii. oꝝ.iiii. men for the tyme beinge, shall be taxed and adyudged for the doyng of any suche trespass at any tyme oꝝ times, shall haue an action of dett agaynst the saide maye oꝝ deane, by whose commaundement any suche ground shall be so broken, in any of the kinges courtes of recorde, for the recouerye of the same dett so taxed, in which action no wager of lawe pꝛotectiō nor essoyne shall lye. And yf it shall happen, that the sayde.iii. oꝝ.iiii. men hereafter so to be chosen, as is aforesayde, do not oꝝ shall not agre in makinge any suche taxation for any such offence oꝝ offences to be doone within the sayde tyme of.iii. dayes to the

asfoze lymitted, no: that the saide mayze o: beane fo: the tyme beinge, do not offer o: tender to the partie so greued, a resonable amende and satisfacion fo: the breaking dygging o: trenchinge his o: their saide ground, that than the partie o: parties so greued, and whose lande o: soyle shal be so hereafter subverted and broken, shall haue his lawfull remedy agaynst the said mayze o: beane fo: the tyme beinge, by whose commaundement any suche soyle o: grounde, shall be fo: the purpose aforesaide dygged o: broken, by action of trespass, and to recover damages fo: the same, any thyng in this present acte mentioned to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

Enforced alwaies and be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaide, that if the saide mayze o: beane, their successors workemen o: seruantes, o: any of them, at any time o: times after the saide feast of Easter, be o: shal be disturbed letted o: withstandinge, so dygge buyde heades of cundries dyches o: trenches in any place o: places, in o: vpon the saide hyl, within the precincte to them afoze lymitted, o: in any other place o: places sed the saide hyl vnto the said cite, fo: the necessary reparation and amendement of any the pypes of leade hereafter to be crased o: broken, whiche dothe conuey the said wates to the same cite o: wynter, by any owner o: owners o: possessours of the same grounde, o: by any other person o: persons at any time o: times hereafter: that than every suche person owner possessor o: persones so dygginge, wyllfully lettinge o: molestinge any the workemen of the sayde mayze o: beane, shall forsaue and lose fo: euerye suche disturbance and default. xx.s. The one halfe of whiche saide forsaiture shall be vnto the kinge our soueraigne lo:de, his heires and successors, and the other moortie to any of the kinges subiectes that wyll seme fo: the same in any the kinges courttes of recorde, at any time hereafter by action of debt by the playnt infor- mation o: otherwise, in whiche no wager of law p:tection no: essoyne shall be o: be allowed.

An acte for reparyng of Canturbury, Rochester, Stampsfode and diuers other townes. Cap. xxvii.



As muche as in times past viuers and many beautifull houses of habitaciō haue ben within the walles and liberties of the cite of Canturbury, the cite of Rochester, the boroughes and townes of Stampsfode, a great Semelby in the county of Lincolne, the town of Cambridge in the county of Cambridge, the borough o: town of Derby in the county of Derby, the borough o: town of Eglwyde in the county of Sur, the town of Dunstiche in the county of Wul, the boroughes o: townes of the sphe poyntes with their members, the townes at Letwis in the county of Suffe, and the townes of Buckingham in the county of Buckingham, whiche now are fallen downe decayed and at this tyme remain vntreedified, lying as belovate and boyd greddes, and many of them wyrooping nygh vnto the high steees replenished with muche ordure fylth and unclean-

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Uncleanes, with pyttes sellers and baulkes lying open & unconuerid, to the great perill and daunger of al the inhabitantes & other the kinges subiectes passynge by the same, and some houses be very weake and feble redy to falle downe, and be very dangerous to passe by, to the great decay and hynderaunce of the saide cities bozoughes towne and lynke portes. It may therefore be enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lord, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the comons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that if any person or persons or bodies politike, being owners or possessioners of any such desolate or voyd groundes, that at any time within five & forty yeres next before the making of this acte, haue ben builded for houses of habitatio, or for any house or houses of habitatio now or hereafter being in decay and not fully fallen downe, within the lyberties and precinctes of any of the said bozoughes towne and places, do not sufficiently reedifie buylde and repayre, or cause to be reedified buylde and repayred the said desolate voyd groundes and decayde houses conuenient for habitation and dwellinge, within two yeres nexte after proclamation to be made in or vpon the same voyd grounde or groundes, decayd house or houses, by the mayres aldermen and burgeses, or other heed officers within the precinct of their owne auctorities, that than it shall be lafull for the chiefe lord or lordes immediate, of whom suche desolate and voyde groundes, decayd and ruinous houses be holden after the saide two yeres be expyred, to enter into the same, and to haue the same groundes or houses, with the cuttillage backe side and gardenyn adioynning to the same, if they be of the inheritance of the owner or owners of the said decayd house or groundes, and cede not one acre of grounde, to theim and to their heyres or successours, or to their owne proper vse for euer, so that the saide lord or lordes immediate entreynge by the auctoritie of this act, do sufficiently reedifie buyld or repayre the same voyde grounde or decayde howses, within two yeres and an halfe, next and immediatly folowing the determination of the foresaide first two yeres. And in case suche lord or lordes, as may enter by this acte, do not enter and wel and sufficiently reedifie buyld or repaire the same voyd groundes or decayde houses, within the saide two yeres and an halfe to them limited by this acte. Or if suche lord or lordes immediate, as may enter by this act, do sufficiently reedify buylde and repaire the same voyd groundes or decayde houses, within the saide two yeres and an halfe to them lymitted, and after they they heyres or successours suffer the same houses or voyd groundes to fall in ruine and decay, and do not build or reedifie the same sufficiently within two yeres and an halfe of suche ruine or decay: that than it shall be full to all person or persons or bodies politike, as shall than haue any rent charge ioyntly or severally goyng out of the said voyde grounde or groundes, or decayde house or houses, in any of the saide cities bozoughes towne or places immediatly after the saide two yeres and an halfe expyred, to enter into the same, and to haue to suche of them their heyres and successours, to their owne proper vse, as shall so buylde the saide voyd groundes or decayd houses

houses, by auctoritie of this acte, the same void groundes or houses, with the curtilage backside and garden adioyning to the same, if they be of the inheritance of the owner or owners of the said decayed house or ground, & exceede not in quantitie one acre of ground, discharged of all rentes goinge out of the same groundes or houses, as well against the said lord and lordes immediate, as all other person or persons or bodies politike, hauyng any rente or rentes charges or rent secke out of the same, other than the fee ferme of the said citie borough towne or place, or some parcel therof, so that the said person or persons or bodies politike, hauyng the sayd rent charge, entreynge by the auctoritie of this acte, do sufficientlie reedify build & repaire the same desolate and void grounde or groundes, or decayed house or houses, within one yere and .iii. quarters nexte & immediatlie folowing the determination of the said two yeres and an halfe, to the said lord or lordes immediate appointed by this acte. And in case suche person or persons or bodies politike, hauyng any of the said rentes charges, as may entre by this acte, do not enter and wel and sufficientlie reedifie bulde or repaire the same void groundes or decayed houses, within one yere & thye quarters to them appointed by vertue of this acte: or if they or anye of them hauyng suche rent charge, and that maie enter by this act, dooe sufficientlie bulde and repaire the same void grounde or groundes, or decayed house or houses, within the said one yere and .iii. quarters to them limited, and after they their heires and successours, suffer the same void grounde or groundes, house or houses to fall in ruine and decaye, and do not bulde or reedifie the same sufficientlie within one yere and thye quarters after such ruine or decaye: that then it shalbe lesul to the maires aldermen and burgesses, & other the head officers of the sayde cyties boroughes townes & places, by what name or names so euer they be lico:pozated and their successours, and euerye of them within the limittes of their auctorities immediatlie after the said yere and .iii. quarters expired, into euerye such desolate and void groundes decayed or ruinous houses, to enter, & to haue holde & entoy to them and their successours for euer, to their owne vles, the same groundes or houses and euerye of them with the curtilages, gardes, & backside to the same, if they be of the inheritance of the owner or owners of the said decayed house or ground, and exceede not in quantitie one acre of grounde clerely discharged of all rentes goinge out of the same groundes or houses, as well against the said lord or lordes immediate, as all other person or persons or bodies politike, hauyng such rent charge or rent secke, as befoze is said, other than the fee ferme of the said citie borough towne or place or parcell therof. So that the same maires aldermen and burgesses or other head officer as is afozesaid, or their successours for the tyme bring, do reedifie bulde or repaire, or cause to be reedified builded or repaired, the same grounde or groundes house or houses within .iii. yeres next and immediatlie folowing the determination of the said yere and .iii. quarters, limited or appointed to such person or persons or bodies politike, that haue or shall haue anye rent as is afozesaid: And in case the sayd maires aldermen

and burgesles, or other head officers, as is afore said, or their successours, do not enter and reedifie builde and repaire the same voyde ground or groundes, decayed house or houses in forme afore said, within the said terme of .iii. yerres after their saied entree, or if they sufficiently reedifie buylde and repayze the same voyde ground or groundes, or decayed house or houses, within the said thre yerres to them limited by this act, and after they or they successours, suffer the same house or houses, voyde ground or groundes to fall in ruine and decay, and doe not buylde and reedifie the same sufficiently within thre yerres after suche ruine or decay, that than it shalbe lefull to the firste owner or owners, possessor or possessours of suche voyde ground or groundes, decayed house or houses, their heires or successours, immediately after the saied thre yerres, to the saied mayres aldermen & burgesles, and other head officers as is afore limited, expired, into the same houses ground or groundes, curtilages, gardenes, and backeshedes to entre, and the same to letaine to them, their heires and successours, as in their firste estate, any thyng contained in this present act to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alwaie, that this act or any thyng therein conteyned, bee not in any wise hurtfull or prejudiciall to any person or persons, beyng at the tyme of the saied proclamacion made, vnder the age of .xxi. yerres, or being some next, or in prison, or beyonde the sea in the kynges warres, or in his other leful affaires, or to any person or persones, not beyng than of hole and perfect memoꝝ, during the tyme that suche person or persones, shal bee within age, married, in prisonne, or of no perfect memoꝝ, or beyonde the sea, so that the same person or persons, they or they successours, after that he or they come to they full age of .xxi. yerres, or be unmarried, out of prison, or come agayne within this realme, or be of hole and perfect memoꝝ, within .iii. yerres than next ensuyng doe reedify the same desolate or voyde groundes, or repayze the saied decayed houses.

¶ An act touchyng the honour of Amptpall. Cap. xxxvii.



Considering that the kynges moste excellent maiestie moweth and intendeth by the grace of god to erect buylde and edifie vppon his graces manour of Amptpall in the countie of Bedf. sumptuose statelie beautifull and princely buyldynges structures and edifices, & the same as his hyghnes hath alrede with goodly & parkely parkes, so hereafter wth dyners and sundry other like thynges of pleasure delite and commoditie, to beautifie adorne and decozate, mete apt and conuenient for the longe consuetudination of the kynges moste royall person at suche tyme and times as his maiesty shal haue accesse to the same: It semeth therfore very behouefull expedient and requisite, that not alonely to such a palace royal, manours possessions and other hereditamentes shoulde be knitte vnited and annexed, correspondent and agreeable to the worthines and dignitie therof, but also ought of all

of al conueniency in reason to be ornated and set forth with the name and title of and honour, thereby insinuating and declaring, that the thing shall be no lesse honorable and princely in riche and sayre possessions, than statly & commodiouse, as well in thinges of pleasure, as in sumptuous and costely buildynges. wherfore be it enacted ordeyned and established by the kynge our soueraigne lord, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that all and singular manours parkes messuages sites of monasteries graunges lades tenementes rentes reuercions seruites, and all other hereditamentes liberties and commodities, lying or being in the hamlettes townes and parishes of Ampthyll, Wyldroke, Fletchewike, Malden, Steppingley, Westoning, Houghton, Congest, Wythamstede, Lyttelington, Husbondrauley, Bigemod cum Bageno, Alpeley, Geys, Clophil, Caynoo, Shellofde, Cranessfelde, Polloxhpyl, Harlington, Codynngton, Barton, Shulpyngton, Chalgrau, Marist, wooburne, Euerhall, Milton, Brian, warden, Elstow, Caudewell, Donistable, Salford, Holcoote, Bedford, Wotton, Kemston, and the manour of Colneworth, in the saied countie of Bedford or in any of them, or els in the hamlettes townes or parishes of Hemportpanell, Cykfozth, Wolsfo, great Lydford, litle Lydford, Stewkley, litle Wythpyl, Boobyckhpyl, Wauendon, north Crauley, and Swanborne, or in any of them in the countie of Buckyngham, or els where within the realme of Englande, belongyng or appertaynyng to any manour lying or being in any of the townes or parishes aboue mencioned, wherof and of the whiche our saied soueraigne lord the kynge is at this present seased of an estate of inheritaunce, shall from hensforth be perpetually knit annexed and vnted to the saied manour of Ampthyll, and be taken adiudged and demed as part parcell and member of the same manour. And that the same manours of Ampthyll, together with all maner landes tenementes and other the premises aboue recited, so vnted & annexed to the same manour, accorbyng as is aboue expessed, shall from hensforth be perpetually called and named the honour of Ampthyll. And that the same whiche heretofore hath ben taken for the manour of Ampthyll, shall fro hensforth be taken and adiudged the chiefe principall and capitall part and plate of the hole honour of Ampthyll, & also that all and singular other manours messuages landes tenementes rentes reuercions seruites and other hereditamentes, lying or being in any of the hamlettes, townes, or parishes aforesaid, with their rightes members and appurtenances, wherof, & of the whiche the kynge our saied soueraigne lord, his heires or successours, shall be at any time hereafter seased of estate of inheritaunce by purchase eschete forfayture or otherwise, shall immediately after suche purchase forfayture eschete or otherwise comyng to the handes of his highnes his heires or successours, be from time to time vnted annexed demed and adiudged to al intentes and purposes, as part parcell and member of the saied honour of Ampthyll.

And furthermoze be it enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that all and singular

gular the tenauntes, as well freeholders and copyholders, as other, and all and singular persons, which owe sute to anye of the saied manours, or to any lete or lawdate to be holden within the precincts of any of the, and the heires successours and assignes of euery of the saied tenauntes shall doo their suites seruices and customes, and paie their rentes to the saied sundrie manours, in such tyme as they dyd and ought to do before the makinge of this present acte. And that the saied tenantes and suters and euery of them, or the heires successours or assignes of them or euery of them, at anye time hereafter, shall not be charged or chargeable to or with any other seruices suites customes rentes or other charges, nor be compelled to do or pay at ne in any other place or places, nor anye of the severall tenures chaunged altered or charged other wyse than they were or ought to do & be before the making of this acte, any thinge therein conteined to the contrarye notwithstanding.

Conpounded alwaie that this acte or anye thinge therein conteyned shall not be prejudicial or hurtful to any person or persons, their heires executours successours or assignes, for anye leases demises grauntes or couenantes here tofore had made or graunted to them or anye of them, of the saied manours and other the premises or anye parte or parcell thereof, or of any leases grauntes or couenantes hereafter to be made or graunted of anye of the saied manours landes tenementes and other the premises, wherof the kinges highnes his heires or successours shall hereafter be seased of estate of inherytaunce by purchase forfeiture escheate or otherwise, as is aforesayde, lying or being in anye of the saied hamlettes townes or parishes, by the owners of the saied manours landes tenementes and other the premises or anye parte or parcell thereof, or by anye of their auncestours or predecessours, or by any persone or persons lawfully aucthorised by them or anye of them, for anye demise lease or graunt thereof so made or to be made: Hauinge alwaie to etierie person and persons bodies politike and corporate, their heires executours successours and assignes and euery of them, other than such bodies politike and corporate and other persons as were or hereafter shall be partes and partyes to the bargaines sales giftes or grauntes of the saied manours and other the premises or anye parte thereof, and their wyues beyng examined accoordinge to the lawe of this realme, their heyres and successours, and the wyues so examined and theyr heyres, and the heires and successours of euery of them, all suche right title vse interest possession lease leases ferme fermes for terme of lyfe lyues peres or otherwyse, and all grauntes liberties priuileges iurisdictiones auctorities franchises rentes charges profits couenantes & all other commoditie or commodities, whiche they or any of them haue myght or ought to haue, or hereafter shall or shuld haue, in or to the premises or anye parte or parcell of them, in such maner and fourme as though this acte or any thinge therein conteyned to the contrary thereof had neuer ben had nor made, any thing in this present acte to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

CBe it also further enacted by auctoritie afoze sayde, that the sayde hamlet of Amptwell, and all the manours, landes, tenementes, hereditaments

mentes and other the premises above rehearsed, shall from henceforth be in the order suretye rule and gouernance of the court of Augmentations of the reuenues of our soueraigne lord the kinges crowne, and to be granted lette and set to setme by the officers and ministers of the same court, in suche maner and forme, as other the manours landes and tenementes appoynted to the same court ben and ought to be litten or graunted. And that al the fees fines issues reuenues and profits commynge and growynge of the premises, and of euery parte thereof, shalbe taken and receyued to the kynges vse by the ministers and officers of the same court, in suche maner and forme as is vsed and had of other manours landes tenementes committed to the order suretye and gouernance of the said court of augmentations, any act statute ordinance custome or vse heretofore had made or vsed to the contrary thereof not withstandinge.

An acte concernynge the honour of Grafton. Cap. xxxviii.



How diuers sundry bygent and necessarie causes and considerations the kinges maiestie specially mouynge. Be it enacted ordeyned and established by the king our soueraigne lord, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctorite of the same, that all those his maiesties hundredes of Wymerley and Wymerhowe, and all those his graces forrestes Wymerlywoode and Walsley, and all that his chace of Yarbellepe in the countie of Northampton with all and singular their membyes ryghtes and appoyntementes, And all that his highnesse chace of Whaddon in the countie of Buckyngham, with all and singular his ryghtes, membyes, and appoyntementes, and all and singular manours, parkes, messuages, scutes of monasteries and priories, graunges, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuertions, setuities, and all other hereditaries liberties and comodities, lying or being in the hamlettes townes and parishes of Grafton, Hertwell, Alderton, Roode, Corual, Alderton, Stoke bywern, Whittalanger, Whorrell, Blysetwoth, Wylton, Wallewoth, Tyffelde, Dallyspere, Colletour, Eiston, Hulcote, Rotham, Foscote, Gremston, Blakesley, Woodend, Colchingham, Crumelton, Gait, Pattel, Escot, Ilcot, Dalecot, Saggroke, Raddisthrop, Collingthigh, Hardington, Wotton, Quinton, Slopton, Denlanger, Yardeley, Potterspere, Furthoo, Colgroue, Castel Wyke, Wyken, and Delapere in the said countie of Northampton: And in the hamlettes townes & parishes of Luffelde, Manslape, Castelthorp, Harwar, Shenley, Lytlehowe, Andeloo, and Lyttell Lydfothe, in the said countie of Buckyngham, and elles where within the realme of Englande, belongynge or appertaynynge to any manour or hundred, lying or being in any of the townes or parishes above mentioned, wherof and of the whiche our saide soueraigne lord the king is at this present seased of an estate of inheritance, shall from hence-
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fozth be perpetually knyt annexed & vntited to the faide manour of Grafton and be taken adiudged and demed as parte parcell and member of the same manour: And that the same manour of Grafton, together with all maner landes tenementes and other the pzemisses aboue exprest, shal be vntited and annexed to the same manour, accordyng as is aboue exprest, shal from henceforth be perpetually called and named the honour of Grafton: and that the same which heretofore hath ben taken for the manour of Grafton, shal from the first day of May next commyng be taken and adiudged the chiefe principall and capitall part and place of the hole honour of Grafton: And also that all and singular other manours messuages landes tenementes rentes reuerfions seruices and other hereditamentes, lyng and being in any of the hamlettes townes or parishes aforesaide, with all the rightes membres and appurtenances, wherof and of the whiche the kinge our soueraigne lord his heires or successours, shal be at any time hereafter leased of estate of inheritance by purchase escheat forfayture or other wyse, shal immediately after suche purchase forfayture, or otherwise commyng to the handes of his highnes, his heires or successours, be from tyme to tyme vntited annexed demed and adiudged to all intentes and purposes, as part parcell and member of the said honour of Grafton.

¶ And further be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaide, that all & singular the tenants, as well feeholders and copyholders as other, & all and singular persons, whiche owe suite to any of the faide manours, or to any leas or lawday to be holden within the precinct of any of them, and the successours and assignes of every of the said tenants, shal do their suites seruices and customes, and pay their rentes to the said sundry manours, and in such maner as they dyd and ought to do before the making of this present act. And that the said tenants and suites or any of them, or the heires successours or assignes of them or any of them, at any time hereafter, shal not be charged or chargeable to or with any other seruices suites customes rentes or other charges nor be compellyd to do or pay the same in any other place or places, nor any of the seueral tenures charged altered or charged otherwile than they were or ought to do, or be before the making of this act, any thing therein conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alway, that this act or any thing therein conteyned, shal not be prejudicial or hurtful to any person or persons, their heires executors successours or assignes, for any leases demises grauntes or covenantes heretofore had made or graunted to them or any of them, of the faide manours and other the pzemisses, or any part or parcell thereof, or of any leases grauntes or covenantes hereafter to be made or graunted of any of the faide manours landes tenementes and other the pzemisses, wherof the kinges highnes his heires or successours shal hereafter be leased of estate of inheritance by purchase forfayture escheat or other wyse, as is aforesaide, lyng or being in any of the faide hamlettes townes or parishes by the owners of the faide manours landes tenementes and other the pzemisses, or any parte of

parcell therof, oꝛ by any of theꝝ auncellours oꝛ pꝛedecessours, oꝛ by any other persone oꝛ persons lawfully auctoꝛised by the oꝛ any of theꝝ, foꝛ any demyse lease oꝛ graunt therof so made oꝛ to be made: Shalynge alwayes to euerpe person and personnes bodies politike & corporate, their heꝛes successours exꝛecutours and assignes, other then suche bodies politike and corporate, and suche other persones as were oꝛ hereafter shall be parties and parties to the bargaynes sales gyftes oꝛ grauntes of the saide manours and oꝛther the pꝛemises oꝛ any part therof: and their wyues being examined of the same accoꝛdyng to the lawes of the realme, theꝝ heꝛes and successours, and the wyues so examined, and the heꝛes and successours of euerp of them al suche right title vñ interest possession lease leases ferme fermes foꝛ terme of lyfe lyues oꝛ reuer, oꝛ other wyse: And all grauntes lyberties rentes charges pꝛofites couenauntes and all and euerp other commoditie oꝛ commodities, whiche theꝝ oꝛ any of them haue myght oꝛ oughte to haue, oꝛ hereafter shall oꝛ shulde haue in oꝛ to the pꝛemises oꝛ any parte oꝛ parcell of them, in suche maner and fourme, as though this acte, oꝛ any thing therein conteyned to the contrary therof had neuer ben had noꝛ made, any thing in this pꝛesent acte to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ Be it also further enacted by the auctoꝛitie aforesaid, that the saide honoꝛ of Grafton, and all the manours landes tenementes hereditamentes and oꝛther the pꝛemises aboue reherced, shall fro hencefoꝛth be in the oꝛder suruey rule and gouernaunce of the court of Augmentations of our said souerayn loꝛde the kinges crowne, and to be graunted lette and sette to ferme by the officers and ministers of the same court, in suche maner and fourme as other the manours landes and tenementes appointed to the same court, ben oꝛ ought to be letten oꝛ graunted: And that al the fermes yssues reuenues & pꝛofites comynge and growynge of the pꝛemises & euerpe part therof, shall be taken and receyued to the kinges vñ by the ministers and officers of the same court, in suche maner and fourme as is vsed and had of other manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes committed to the oꝛder suruey and gouernaunce of the said court of Augmentations, any act statute oꝛ ordinance custome oꝛ vñ heretofore had made oꝛ vsed to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctoꝛitie aforesaid, that this acte ne any thing therein conteyned be in any wyse pꝛiudiciall oꝛ hurtful to the iustices wardens stewards leutenantes and clerkes of the swannimotes of any foꝛestes parkes oꝛ chases conteyned in this act, foꝛ oꝛ concernynge any of their offices powers oꝛ auctoꝛities, but onely foꝛ and concernynge surueyng of woodes and woodsales to be had and made in any of the sayd parkes foꝛestes oꝛ chases, and the punishment of the offendours therein, and the namynge ryllynge and oꝛdering of the verderours therof.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoꝛitie aforesaid, that the mapster of the woodes of the sayde court of Augmentations, oꝛ other officers of the same court, shall perely pay oꝛ cause to be payde of suche summes of money
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as shall perely ryse and come of the woodsales to be made of or in the saide parkes forrestes and chales aforesaid, all and all maner of fees and wages as of olde time hath bene accustomed to be payde for the exercysinge of any office within the saide parkes forrestes and chales, according to a certificate by writynge therof to be made vnto the saide maister of the woodes by and from the iustices of the forrestes or any of them or any their deputie or deputies in the same office, sealed and subscribed by them or any of them.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the saide maister of the woodes for the time beyng, shall make payment of all and all maner of reparations nedefull to be done in and vpon any pale riple & lodge wher in any of the saide parkes forrestes & chales, and assigne timber for the same vpon any request therof to be made in writting, by and from the said iustices of forrestes: And the said maister of the woodes shall allow al maner of sewall & broust to be spent and occupied within the saide parkes forrestes and chales, as it hath ben of olde time there vled and accustomed.

¶ And it is also provided and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the maister of the woodes shall not make any woodsale within the parkes chales and forrestes aforesaid or any of them, but by the assent of the iustices of forrestes for the time beyng, within whose auctority suche forrestes chales & parkes bene, any thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alwaye and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the termes rentes suites and seruises of such and as many of the said manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, mencioned in this acte, belonging to the duchy of Lancaster, and countie Palantine of Lancaster, or to either of them, shall be answered and payde in the courte of the duchy chaumber at Westmynstre, or to the receyours generall and other ministers of the same courte, in lyke maner and forme as heretofore hath bene vled and accustomed. And that al leases hereafter to be made of any of the same manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes belongynge to the sayde duchye, shall be made vnder the seale of the duchye of Lancaster in lyke maner and forme as heretofore hath bene vled, this acte or any thing therein contrained to the contrary therof in any wise not withstanding.

An acte concerninge the crection of the courtte of
Suruepours. Cap. xxxix.



HERE IN THE parliament holden at London, the .xv. daye of Apryll, in the .xiii. yere of the reigne of our mooste dread soueraigne lord the kinge that now is, and from thens prozoged to Westm the laste daye of July, in the .xv. yere of the reigne of our saide soueraigne lord, and there then holden, one acte of estatute was made and ordeyned by our said soueraigne lord the kinge, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in the saide parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that diuers and many honours castelles lordshippes manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, as wel in Englands and wales, as in Cales and the marches of the same, whiche in a Cedula to the saide act annexed, be expessed, were appointed to be vnder the suruey lettynge and settinge of diuerse persons by the kinges highnes commission assigned, whiche by the saide acte be named and called, the kinges generall Suruepours of all and singular the pzemisses, befoze whom all recepuoues bayliffes and other officers and ministers, and all other person and persones shulde be accountable, of and for all and euerye the pzemisses, as by the saide acte moze playnly at large maye appere. The saide acte to endure vntyll the last daye of the parliament than nexte and immediatly ensuyng, whiche saide nexte parliament, begonne at London the thirde daye of Nouember, in the .xxi. yere of his gratis most noble reigne, & from thens adiourned vnto Westm, and there also vpon diuerse prozogations continued and holden the fourth daye of February, in the .xxvii. yere of his saide reigne. It was then and there by auctoritie of the same parliament ordeyned and established, that the saide former acte shulde from thense forth continue for euer, as by the same acte amongst other thinges therein conteyned, moze playnly is shewed and may appere. And for as muche as al and singular the pzemisses be appertayning to the kinges mooste royal maiestie, as in the righte of his imperiall crowne of this realme, which crowne so beynge imperiall, it is very necessary and expedient, that all possessions landes tenementes & other hereditamentes, beinge any part pcell or membze therof, shuld be of such nature qualitie and condition, as one hole and pertyte body vndismembred: so that the officers therof appoynted by the kinges highnes, shulde haue no necessitie, to haue aid or assistance of the auctoritie and power of any other courtte or iurisdiction, of or for the orderynge surueynge settinge lettynge of any of the pzemisses, or for leuyng of al and singular the fermes rentes pssues pofittes and commodities of the pzemisses, or for the determination and iudgement of any maner cause or causes that might happen to growe insurge or ryle, in or about the same, or any parte therof, wherin the kinges maiestie is partie. Therfoze as well for the good orderynge, and for moze speedy and due administration of Justice to be had of and concernynge all and singular suche the

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kinges honours castels manours landes tenementes & other hereditamentes p̄sents and summes of money, comprised in a cedula signed oꝛ hereafter to be signed with the kinges signe manuell, with the p̄sues and p̄ofites of the same, to be truely answered to the kinges highnes his heires and successours. And to thintent the kinges saide excellent maiestie, his heires and successours may the moze truely and speedily be answered contented and payd of the r̄etes p̄sues termes reuenues and p̄ofites, r̄ysing cominge and growinge, oꝛ whiche hereafter shall r̄yse come oꝛ growe, of in and vpon all and singular the honours castels lordshippes manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes aforesaid, with other the p̄misses, whiche be comprised in the sayde cedula, signed with the kinges signe manuel, oꝛ hereafter shall be exp̄essed in any other Cedula hereafter to be assigned, as is aforesaid, in suche court place maner forme and condition, as hereafter shall be declared bymitted and appoynted: Be it enacted ordeyned and established, by thassent of the kinges saide maiestie, his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this his p̄sente parliamente assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, in maner and forme, as hereafter foloweth in articles, That is to saye.

Cfyrst the kyng our soveraigne lord, by auctoritie aforesaid, ordeyneth maketh establisheth and erecteth a certayne court, commonly to be called, The court of the generall Surueyours of the kinges landes: whiche court, by auctoritie aforesaid, continually shall be a court of recoꝛde, and shall haue one p̄uate seale to be engraue and made after suche forme facion and maner, as shall be appoynted by the kinges highnes: whiche saide seale shall remayne and be in the order and keeping of the same Surueyour, that shall be fyrste named in the kinges letters patentes: and in his absence to be lefte to the nexte officer to be named in the saide letters patentes: and in his absence to the thyrde officer to be named in the sayde letters patentes.

And be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that there shall be certayne persons to be named by the kynges highnes, his heires and successours, which shall be called the kynges generall Surueyours of the kynges landes, and they so named by the kynges highnes, his heires & successours, shall be one entier officer, and shall be the fyrste and principall officer in the saide court.

Also it is ordeyned by auctoritie aforesaid, that suche persone as now is and hereafter shall be Treasourer of the kynges chamber, shall be always Treasourer of the reuenues of the saide court, and shall be officer of the same court nexte vnto the sayde Surueyours.

Also there shall be one other persone lerned in the lawes of the lande, to be named by the kinges highnes, which shall be called the kynges Atturney of the saide court, and shall be the thyrde officer of the saide court.

Also there shall be one person to be named by the kynges highnes and his heires, whiche shall be called the master of the woodes comynge growynge and beyng in and vpon the p̄misses oꝛ any part parcell oꝛ member therof, and shall be the fourth officer of the same court.

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¶ Also there shal be as many auditours in the same court, as by the kinges highnes and his heires shal be appointed, which shal be called auditours of the reuenues of the saied court.

¶ Also there shal be lyke wise as manie receiuours in the same court, as by the kynges highnes and his heires shal be named and appointed, whiche shal be called receiuours of suche reuenues, as to them shal be appointed by the kinges letters patentes.

¶ Also there shalbe one persone of the saied court, to be named by the kinges highnes, whiche shalbe called clerke of the same court: And one other persone, whiche shalbe called vsher of the same court: And one other persone, whiche shal be called messenger of the same court, which clerke vsher and messenger shalbe named by the kinges highnes, his heires & successors, and euerie of them shal haue suche percelie fees rewardes and profittes, for the exercising of the saied severall offices, as the clerke vsher and messenger of the duchie chamber at westm haue had and perceined befoze this tyme.

¶ Also the saied surueours, whiche shal be appointed by the kinges highnes, shal take a corporal othe befoze the lord chauncellour of England for the tyme beyng after the tenour ensuyng: Ye shal swete, that ye well and truely shal serue the kyng in the saied office of the general surueours of the reuenues of his courte, called the court of generall surueours of his gratis landes, and shal minister equal iustice to ryche and poore, to the beste of poure counnyng wytte and power: And that ye shal diligently procure al thinges, whiche maie honestlie and iustly be to the kinges aduantage and profite, and to the augmentation of the rpyghtes and prerogatyues of his crowne and treuely vse the kinges seale appointed to your office: And also endeour your selfe to the vttermost of your power, to see the kyng truly answered of all suche rentes reuenues pssues and profittes, which shal o: maie rise o: growe in your office, and from tyme to tyme deliuer with speede such as shal haue to do befoze you: And that ye shal not take o: receiue of anie persone, any gift o: reward, in any cause o: matter dependyng befoze you: o: wherin the kynges highnes shal be partie, whereby any pseydye hindrance losse o: dissencion shal grow o: be to the kynges highnes, so helpe you god and all sanctes.

¶ Also that the saied tresorier shal take a corporal oth befoze the saied Chancellor, accordyng to the tenour ensuyng: Ye shal swete, that ye shal well and truely serue the kyng our soueraigne lord and his people, in the office of Tresorier of his highnes courte of generall surueours, and ye shal resonably and honestlie procure the kinges profite, and do right to all maner of people poore and riche in those thinges, whiche touche your office: And the kinges tresour ye shal trewlie kepe and dispende, and true declaration and accompte therof shal make from tyme to tyme without anie condelement, to and befoze suche persone and persons as shal be named and appointed by the kinges highnesse, his heires and successors for the same: And further shal do euery thyng, that of right appertaineth to your office:

so helpe you god and all saintes.

¶ Also the said Returner shall take a corporal othe before the said general Surueours accordyng to the tenour ensuyng. ye shall sweare, that ye well and truly shall serue the kyng in all places, for or concernyng any matter or cause that shall concerne or touche the possessions and hereditamentes, committed to the suruey and gouernance of this court, and procure the kynges profite therof: And ye shall truly counsel the kyng and the Surueours and Treasourer of this court in al thynges concernyng the same, to the best of your counyng wytte and power, and with al speede and diligence from tyme to tyme, at the calling of the said surueours and treasurer, you shall endeavour your selfe for the helyng and determinacion indifferently of such matters and causes, as shall depende before the said surueours and treasurer: And that ye shall not take any gyfte or rewarde in any matter or cause dependyng in the same court or els where, wherein the kyng shalbe partie, wherby the kynges maieste shal bee hurted hindred or dishonoured: And further doe al and every thyng, that shal appertayne vnto your office, so helpe you god and al saintes.

¶ Also that the maister of the said woodes shall take a corporal othe before the said general Surueours, after the tenour ensuyng. ye shall sweare, that ye well and truly shall serue the kyng our soueraigne lord in the office of maister of the woodes of this court, and that ye shall make true sale and sales of all woodes and vnderwoodes, belongyng to your office, accordyng to the auctorite given vnto you by this act of generall Surueours, or any other act or actes to bee made concernyng the said generall Surueours, for the kynges most aduantage, and nothyng concele, but true accompt make of all summes of money, receiued for the same, and all other profits wherwith ye shall be lawfully charged by reason of your said office: ye shall make no petition, nor aske allowance, but suche as shalbe good iuste true and reasonable: And ye shall doe all and every thing and thynges, which ye ought to dooe by reason of your office, accordyng to the fourme and effect of this act, so helpe you god and al saintes.

¶ Also that every of the said auditors shall take a corporal othe before the said general Surueours, after the tenour ensuyng: ye shall sweare, that ye shall well and truly serue the kyng in your office, and shall not take or receiue of poore or riche, any gyfte or rewarde, in any matter or cause dependyng or to be discussed in the same court, but suche as shalbe your ordinary fees: And ye shall do all and every other thing, whiche shal appertayne vnto your office, so helpe you god and al saintes.

¶ Also that every of the said receiours, shall take a corporal othe before the said general Surueours, after the tenour ensuyng. Ye shall sweare, that ye truly shall serue the kyng in your office, & nothing concele, but true accompt make of all suche reuenues, rentes, summes of money, and other profits, wherwith ye shall be lawfully charged by reason of your said office: you shall make no petition nor aske allowance, but suche as shalbe good iust & true
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and reasonable: And ye shall do all and every thinge and thinges, whiche ye ought to do by reason of your office, accordinge to the fourme and effect of this acte, so god you helpe and all saynctes.

Also the said clerke of the court shall take a co:po:al othe befoze the saide general Surueyours after the tenour ensuyng. Ye shall sweare, that ye shall well and truly serue the kinge in your office of clerke of the saide court, and truly do and execute all and every thinge and thinges, whiche ye oughte to do by reason of your office, accordinge to the fourme and effecte of this acte. And ye shall also be attendaunt vnto the saide generall Surueyours from time to time, as they shall requyre you, so helpe you god and all saynctes.

Also that the saide Messanger shall take a co:po:all othe befoze the saide generall Surueyours of the saide court, after the tenour ensuyng: Ye shall sweare, that ye shall wel and truly serue the kinge in your office of Messanger of this court, as well in spedy seruyng all and singular p:ocesse to you to be deliuered without fraude couyn gyle or deceyt, as also making true and spedy certificat to this court of the same: and that you well and truly do and execute all and every other thinge and thinges, whiche ye ought to do by reason of your saide office, so helpe you god and all saynctes.

Also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that as wel all the saide honours castels lordships manours meles landes tenementes rentes seruises riches pencions portions aduousons patronages lordships parkes chases warrens woodes vnderwoodes and all other hereditamentes, as also all other thinge and thinges mencioned in the saide Cedula, signed with the kinges signe manuell, or whiche hereafter shall be comprised in any other cedula, hereafter to be signed by the kinges maiestie, as is aforesaide, and deliuered to the saide generall surueyours, shall be onely in the order suruey rule and gouernance of the saide court.

And be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the said general surueyours Treasourer attourney and mayster of the woodes, or thre of theyn, wherof the one of the saide generall surueyours shall be one, shall haue full power and auctoritie from henceforth, to call befoze them al and singular receyours, bayliffes, and all other officers and ministers, accomptable to the kinges hyghnesse, and euery of theyn, and all and euery other persone and persones, that now be, or that hereafter shall be accomptable, chargeable, or answerable to the kinges hyghnesse, of or for any thyng or thynges comprised or conteyned in the saide Cedula, or that hereafter shall be comprised in any other cedula, signed with the kinges signe manuell, and deliuered to the same Surueyours, as is aforesaid, and shall haue full power and auctoritie, from henceforth, to compelle the saide accomptantes, to accomptes befoze theyn, and also to examine, here, and determine the accomptes, and all circumstaunces thereof, and to do, and execute all and euery thinge and thinges, in and vpon euery of the saide accomptes, as well for the sure payement and satisfaction of suche rentes, fermes, p:issues, p:ofytes, reuenewes, debtes, and dueties,

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as bene oꝛ shall growe vnto the kynges hyghnes by reason of the same, as in and foꝛ allowance and paymentes of fees wages diettes reparacions vaticacions rentes resolute rewarde oꝛ other thinges what soo euer by theym thought requisite and conuenient by theiꝛ discretions. And generally shall haue ful power and auctoritie, to leue oꝛ cause to be leued to the kynges by by alwayes and meanes by their discretions, al and singular the rentes fees mes'p'lues reuenues profittes arrearages dettes & ducities, that shall growe and be due to the kyng, of in oꝛ by reason of the honours castelles manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, comitted oꝛ to be comitted by auctoritie of this acte, to the suruey rule oꝛder and gouernaunce of the saide courte of surueyours, & of the officers and ministers therof asforesayde. And that the said general surueyours treasurer attourney and maister of the woodes, oꝛ thye of them, as is asforesayde, from hensforth, shall haue full power and auctoritie, to comynge all and euerie the sayde accomptantes, and other persons omyng any dettes oꝛ ducities to the kynges hyghnes, by reason of the pꝛemisses oꝛ any of them, to prison, as wel yf they be founde in arrearages vpon their accomptis, as if any of them do refuse to make their accoptes, as is asforesayd, oꝛ pay their sayd dettes, and to let them to baile and mainpryse, oꝛ to any other suretie at all tymes, as they by their discretions shall thinke reasonable, as well foꝛ the sure payment therof, as also foꝛ the contentation and paymente of all suche arrearages soꝛsettes dettes and peynes as any of the sayde accomptauntes, oꝛ other shall be founde in: and all other thynges concernynge the pꝛemisses, and euerie parte of them, as to theym shall seeme conuenient. And that the said general surueyours treasurer attourney and maister of the woodes, oꝛ thye of theym, as is aboue sayde, shall haue full power and auctoritie, to acquite and discharge all & euerie accomptant and accomptantes, that haue oꝛ shall finishe and determine his oꝛ their accompt oꝛ accoptes befoꝛe them, and all and singular other persons, that shal pay trustely and trewely theiꝛ dettes due to the kyng by reason of the pꝛemisses oꝛ any of them. And that al and singular acquitaunces and Quietus est, signed by the sayd generall Surueyours Treasurer Attourney and maister of the woodes, oꝛ thye of them, as is aboue saide, shall be enroled in the recordes befoꝛe them, and shall be a good sufficient acquitaunce and discharge to the partie oꝛ parties, to whom they shalbe made, to and foꝛ all maner suche accomptes dettes and other thinges, foꝛ oꝛ concernynge the pꝛemisses, oꝛ any parte oꝛ parcel therof.

Be it also enacted by the sayde auctoritie, that the sayde general Surueyours, shal haue ful power and auctoritie from hensforth, to conuenant to mit let oꝛ set to ferme, foꝛ terme of .xxi. yeres, oꝛ vnder, to any persone oꝛ persons, any of the landes tenementes hereditamentes oꝛ other profittes what so euer they be, conteyned in the saide cedula, oꝛ whiche hereafter shall be compylled in any other cedula, to be signed and deliuered as is asforesaid, oꝛ known reputed oꝛ taken, as parcel of the landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes conteyned in the saide Cedula, oꝛ in any other Cedula hereafter to be signed and

and deliuered as is aforesaid. And also all and every the landes tenementes and hereditamentes, whiche be or hereafter shall be conteyned and specified in any chaumberlaynes accompte, recepuours accompte, baylyffes accompte, ministers accompte, or the accompte of any officer or officers, which maye by force of this acte, or by auctoritie of any Cedula, signed or hereafter to be signed, and deliuered, as is aforesaid, be viewed examined seen or controlled by the saide surueyours, by what soeuer name or names the saide landes tenementes and other the premises, or any of them be called: the same lease or leases to be made in maner and fourme followinge, That is to saye that all and every byll or bylles of lease of any of the premises, for terme of xxi. yerres or vnder, wherof the yerely ferme or rent reserved shal extend and amount to the yerely value of. vi. li. xii. s. iiii. d. or above, that shall be hereafter signed with the handes of the said general Surueyours, shalbe a sufficient and immediate warrant vnto the kinges principall secretaire for the time beinge, to make or cause to be made in the kinges name, letters of warrant, sealed with the kinges signet, accordinge to the tenour forme and effecte of the saide byll or bylles, to the lord keper of the kinges priuie scale: and therupon the lord priuie scale shall make or cause to be made other letters of like warrant, sealed with the priuie scale, to the lord Chauncellour of Englande, or lord keper of the kinges great scale, Chancellour or chamberlaynes of any his counties Palatynes, or principallite of wales. And that the same warrant vnder the priuie scale, shalbe a sufficient and immediate warrant to the Chancellour of England that nowe is, or that hereafter shal be, and to the chauncellour and chamberlaynes, & other officers of the counties palatynes and principallite of wales that nowe be, and that hereafter shal be, to make and deliuer letters patentes vnder the kinges greatescale and other his graces scales, being in theyr custody, in due fourme to be made accordinge to the tenour effect purpose and course of the saide priuie scales, to them in that behalfe directed accordinge to the acte therof made. in the xxii. yere of the reigne of oure sayde soueraigne lord the kyng, payinge and yeldyng suche fees for the same, as wel to the signette and priuie scale, as in the kinges Chancerye, as hath ben vsed and accustomed: and also payinge suche fees to the saide Chauncellour and Chamberlaynes, and other officers of the saide counties Palatynes, Chester, wales and marches of the same, as also heretofore hath ben vsed for the same. And that all and every byll and bylles of leases of any the premises, for terme of. xxi. yerres, or vnder, wherof the rente and ferme reserved shal be vnder the yerely value of. vi. li. xii. s. iiii. d. and signed as is aforesaid, shal be a sufficient and immediate warrant to the Chauncellour of Englande for the time beinge, and to all other the kinges Chauncellours, Chamberlaynes, and other officers in the countie Palatine of Chester and wales & the marches of the same, to make and deliuer letters patentes vnder the kinges greatescale and other scales, accordinge to the tenour purpose effecte and course of the saide byll vnto all and every the aforesaid parties.

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Provided alwaye that the said generall Suruepours for the time being, shall not hereafter, by auctoritie of this acte, make any lease of the reuerſion of any of the said landes tenementes and other the premises beinge then in lease, vnlesse they haue a bpl or warrant thereof signed by the hande of the kinges maiestie, his heyyes or successours. Also the saide Clerke for the time being of the saide court, shall entolle and register in a great boke of parchement, all and euery lease and leases, and all other wytynges, whiche shall be made and graunted as is abouesaide, of for or concernynge the premises, or any parte or parcell thereof: whiche Register of enrolmentes shall remaine and be safely kepte in the saide court, as a recozde to the kinges vse, by the appoyntment of the said generall Suruepours. And that also the said clerke shall entre into a boke the apparances of euery person, that shall be called to appere in the said court: and all actes decrees and orders that shall be made by the saide court, takinge suche fees for the same, and for wytynges and enrollynge of any leases, letters patentes, or other wytynges, as the claik of the Duchy of Lancaster hath ben accustomed to take and haue.

Also the saide generall Suruepours Treasourer Atturney and maister of the woodes, or thye of them, as is aboue saide, shall haue power and auctoritie, to take recognisaunces for all causes and matters now dependynge befoze the said generall Suruepours, or that hereafter shall depende in this court of general suruepours, of for or concerning the premises, or any parcell therof: or of and for any dettes to be due to the kinge, or for any apparance to be made in the saide court by reason of the same: and to cancell and discharge all suche recognisaunces by their discretions. And also shall haue full power and auctoritie, to a warde vnder the priuy seale appointed to the same court, in the kinges name suche processe & preceptes, with resonable peines to be therein limited, as be now commonly vsed in the court of the kinges Duchy chamber of Lancaster, agaynst euery person or persons what soeuer they be, for or concernynge any thyng or thynges lymitted or appoynted to the order or suruey of the saide court, for any the causes or matters aforesaide, and vpon any contempte to punishe the offendour by imprisonment, or other wyse by their discretions.

Also it is ordeyned by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the saide officers appoynted to the saide court, shall diligently from time to time attende vpon the said generall suruepours in the said court or els where, at the commaundement of the said suruepours, for the hearyng and orderynge of matters and causes concernynge the same.

And be it also enacted, that euery of the said receyueurs general and particular, shall well diligently and effectually gather and leue to the kinges vse, all suche yssues fermes dettes and profittes as shall be lymitted to his or their charge, and distrayne for the same, if neede so requyre. And that euery of the said receyueurs and auditours generall and particular, so ioyned together by the appoyntment of the saide court, or the mooste parte of them, shall well and truly suruey all maner of reparations, nedefull to be done in or vpon any

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pon any of the saied manours landes tenementes oꝝ hereditamentes limyted and appointed to his oꝝ their charge: the saied reperacons to be done to the kynges moſte pꝛofite and leaſt charge.

¶ And alſo it is ordeined by auctozitie afozeſayd, that al the rentes ſermes ſſues dettes & pꝛofites of the ſaied honours caſtels loꝝdſhippes manours landes tenementes, and of all other the pꝛemiſſes, whiche be aſſygned to the oꝝder ſurcie and gouernaunce of the ſaied courte, as they ſhall growe due and be payable, ſhall be paid and deliuered at ſuche tyme, as hereafter in this acte ſhall be declared, to the handes of the ſaied Treasourer, by euerie of the ſaied receiuours generall and particular, oꝝ by ſuche other as ſhalbe indentured to the king, to be ſafely kepte to the kynges uſe, vpon paine of foꝝtꝛapture of his oꝝ their offices and fees.

¶ And alſo it is enacted by auctozitie afozeſaied, that the ſayde auditours, as they ſhall be aſſygned, ſhall percelle tyme to the parte to hym oꝝ them to be lymitted, betwene the feaſte of ſainct Michaell the archaungell, and the Aſſumpte of our loꝝd, and take the accompte of all baylyſſes reues ſermours tenants and occupiers of the manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes within the limittes of his oꝝ their aſſygnement. And immediately vppon euerie ſuche accompte, ſo to be made and determined, oꝝ befoze the ſaied feaſte of the Aſſumpte of our loꝝd, the ſaied accomptantes and euerie of them, ſhall well and treuely content and paie, oꝝ cauſe to be contented and paid to the receiuour therunto deputed, oꝝ to be deputed, all ſuche dettes duties and arrerages, as they and euerie of them ſhall be found in, and charged with vpon euerie ſuch accompte, vpon paine of foꝝtꝛapture of his oꝝ their offices and fees.

¶ Alſo be it enacted by auctozitie afozeſayd, that all Receiuours and Chamberlaynes nowe accomptantes, and all other receiuours and Chamberlaynes, whiche hereafter ſhall be accomptantes, of oꝝ foꝝ any the pꝛemiſſes, conſtained in the ſayd Cedula, vpon lyke payne, as is afozeſayde, ſhall perely befoze the firſte daye of Marche make and ſynſſe theiꝝ accomptes, befoze the auditour oꝝ auditours, therunto to be aſſygned, of and foꝝ all thinges belonging to theiꝝ offices, foꝝ the hole yere ended at the feaſte of ſainct Michael charchangell nexte pꝛecedynge the ſaied ſpyſte daye of Marche: And immediateli vpon the ſame accompte ſo to be made finiſhed & determined, oꝝ befoze the .xx. daie of Marche then nexte ſollowynge, ſhall contente and paie to the ſayde Treasorer, all ſuche duties dettes & arrerages, as they oꝝ any of them ſhall be charged with and founde in, vpon the determination of euerie ſuche accompte, vpon lyke payne, as is afozeſayde.

¶ Alſo it is enacted by auctozitie afozeſayde, that the ſaied auditours Receiuours generall and particular, at all tymes vppon warnynge geuen to them by the ſaied courte, ſhall aſſemble togyther, as well foꝝ the oꝝdering of the ſaied honours caſtels loꝝdſhippes manours landes tenementes and other the pꝛemiſſes, as of the tenants of the ſame, from tyme to tyme, as the caſe ſhall require, as foꝝ the viſewing and determination of the ſayd accomptes to be

tes to be made therof befoze the saied court.

Also it is ordeined by auctoritie aforesaid, that al the accomptes of every yere to be ended at the feast of saint Michael the archaungell, of the saied receiueours Chamberlaynes bayliffes reues fermours and occupiers of the saied honours manours landes tenementes & other hereditamentes aforesaid, shalbe well and perfectly engrossed in parchment by the saied auditors, and deliuered into the saied court, safely to bee kepte to the kinges vse every yere petyl befoze the Natyuite of saint John Baptiste next ensuping the saied feast of sainte Michael the archaungel, vpon payne to forsaite their offices and fees.

Also bee it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the Tresurer of the saied court shal petyl accompt befoze the saied generall Surueiours Itourney and Maister of the woodes, or afoze the most part of them, or afoze suche person or persones, as the kynges highnes his heires and successours shal ther vnto name and appointe, as well of for and concernyng all and euerie the receites pssues and profutes of his office of Treasourerchip of this courte, as of all and euerie the receytes issues profittes bettes and thynges concernyng his office of Treasourerchip of the kynges Chaumber: and that thei so hearyng the same accompt, shal haue full auctoritie and power, to allow and disallow vnto the saied Treasurer all and euery thyng or thynges to be allowed and disallowed vpon his accompt, as by their discrecions shal be thought mete and conuenient.

And bee it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the clerkes of the petie bagge in the kynges Chauncerie, shal extrete and certifie into the saied court of general Surueiours a true and iuste transumpt of all offices and inquisicions hereafter to be found and taken, of for and concernyng anie castelles honours manours lades tenementes hereditamentes or other possessions, whiche at anie time hereafter shal come and bee in the kynges handes and possession, by reason of any attaindour conuiction or other forsaiture, be it by wytte commission or otherwise returnable in the said Chauncerie in like maner & fourme as thei haue ben accustomed to do in the kynges Eschequer in suche cases, and vpon like peines, and shal not from hencefozth be compelled to certifie anie transcriptes of such offices or inquisicions into the kynges Eschequer as thei were accustomed, anie law statute custome or other thing or thynges to the contrarie thereof had or made in anie wise notwithstanding. And that all inquisicions hereafter to be taken Writte offit, for or concerning the pmisses or anie of them, shal be immediatlie retourned and certified into the saied courte of Surueiours and not elles where, vpon like peine as is limited and hath ben vled for none certificate of suche offices into the kynges eschequer, anie law vse or custome to the contrarie notwithstanding.

And also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the saied maister of the saied woodes for the time being, shal surueie or cause to bee surueied, as well all woodes and vnderwoodes, whiche bee or hereafter shalbee with
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in the order suruey and rule of the saide court, as all and singular the woodes and underwoodes in the kinges forrestes chases parkes and landes of his highnes olde inheritaunce of his crowne from time to time, as he shall thinke conuenient by his discretion, and shall haue full power and auctoritie by the assent of the saide court, without warrant of the kinges highnesse, to make sale and sales of all and singular the saide woodes and underwoodes vpon open proclamations thereof to be made in the chutche market or other place nexte adioynnge to the same woodes so to be solde, forseyngge alwayes that the saide woodes be fensed from time to time, as nede shall require, for the increase thereof.

Provided alwayes that the said sales of woodes do not extende to greate timber, without the kinges warrant for the same.

Also be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that al and singular suche summes of money, as shall be receyued for the sale of the saide woodes and underwoodes or any part of the same, shall be deliuered yerely befoze the feast of all saintes by the saide mayster of the woodes, to the Tresourer of the saide court for the time beyng to the kinges vse.

Also be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that no timber or woode requisite and necessary for the reparatiōs of any the castels manours places messuages tenementes pales and raples of parkes, as wel suche as be in the occupation tenure and holdyng of any the kinges fermours and tenants, as also all other whiche be in the kinges handes, beyng any of the castelles manours places messuages or tenementes aforesaide, shall be taken for the same, onelesse they be appoynted and deliuered by the Maister of the saide woodes for the time beyng, with thassent of the saide court, within whose suruey the saide woodes are growynge.

Also be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that the Maister of the saide woodes shall make yerely in the terme of saint Michael the archangel, a full true and perfecte accompte befoze the said court, of al and euery the woodes as well of for and concerning all and euery summe and summes of money, concernyng the saide office, as of and for all and euery other thing and thinges that shall belonge and apperteyne to the same.

Also be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that the saide general surueyours and maister of the saide woodes for the time beyng, shall declare yerely to the kinges highnes the profits and summes of money cominge growynge and rising of and vpon the sale of al and singular woodes within his saide office.

Provided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that this acte in any thinge therein conteyned, be in any wise preiudiciall or hurtfull to the Justices wardens stewards lieutenantes or clerkes of the swannimores of any forrestes parkes or chases, for or concernyng any of their offices powers or auctorities: but onely for and concernyng surueyng of woodes and woodsales to be hadde and made in any parke forrest and chase, and the punysshment of the offenders therein, and the namyng rulyng and ordering of the

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¶ And it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the maister of the woodes shall perely pay or cause to be payde of suche summes of money, as shall perely ryse and come of the said woodsales, so to be made in parkes foirestes and chases of the kinges olde inheritance of his graces crowne, all and al maner of freg and wages, as hath ben of olde time accustomed to be payde by the kinge for the exercisinge of any office within the saide parkes foirestes and chases, accordinge to a certificat by wytyng therof to be made vnto the saide maister of the woodes, by and from the Justices of foirestes or any of them, or any their deputie or deputies in the same office, sealed and subscribed by them or any of them.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the said maister of the woodes for the time beyng, shall make payment for all and all maner of reparations nedeful to be done in & vpon any pale rable & lodge within any of the said parkes foirestes and chases, & assigne tymber for the same, vpon any request therof to be made in wytyng, by & from the said Justices of foirestes. And the said maister of the woodes shall allowe al maner of fetwel and brouse to be spend and occupied within the said parkes foirestes and chases, as it hath ben of olde time there vsed and accustomed.

¶ And it is also provided and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the maister of the woodes shall not make any wood sale within the parkes chases and foirestes aforesaide, or any of them, but by the assente of the Justices of foirestes for the time beyng, within whose auctoritie suche foirestes chases and parkes benne, any thynge in this acte conteyned to the contrarye notwithstanding.

¶ Also it is enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that all maner of proces that shall be made out of the kinges Eschequer to or agaynst any persone or persons, for any fermes rentes issues or profits, or other thinges concerninge the premises, or any part thereof lyng under by this acte to be in the suruey order and gouernance of the said court and the ministers therof, shall be clerly voyde and of none effecte.

¶ Also it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that the saide generall surueyours and Tresourer shall perely declare to the kinges highnes the state of the clere perely value of the said honours castels lordshippes manours landes tenementes rentes pencions portions tithes and other hereditamentes, and other the premises, and what remaigneth therof in the handes of the saide Tresourer.

¶ Provided alwayes and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that al suche manours messuages landes tenementes rentes reuerstions and other hereditamentes, whiche in any maner of wyse heretofore hath bene or hereafter shall be in the handes or possession of our said soueraigne lord the kinge, his heires or successours, by auctoritie of any Attender etc. or by capture, lyeing and being in the countie Palatyn of Lancaster, maye at the free will libertie and pleasure of our saide soueraigne lord be assigned limited and

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appoynted vnto the order surueying letting and settinge of the Chancellours & officers of his saide duchy, in as large & ample manner & forme as the saide chancellour and officers of the saide duchy of Lancaster, haue heretofore had used & exercised of or vpon any the manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes apperteyning or in any wyse belongynge to the saide Duchy, this acte or any thinge therein conteyned to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

And it is enacted by the auctorite aforesaide, that as well the saide acte of the generall Suruepours, made in the saide. xlii. and. xv. yeres, as also the saide acte therof made in the. xxvii. yere of the reigne of our saide soueraigne lord kinge Henry the eight that now is, and euery article clause and matter therein conteyned, shall be from the first daye of Maye, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god. M. D. xlii. utterly voyde and of none effecte.

Provided alwayes and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaide, that al leases grauntes procelle orders decrees and all & euery other thinge or thinges heretofore lawfully executed and done by the saide generall Suruepours, and all and euery other thinge or thinges nowe remayninge or dependinge before the vndiscussed and vndermined by vertue of the saide former actes, shall be of the same force value strength and effecte, as they now be or shoulde haue ben, if this acte had neuer be had or made.

Provided also that this acte nor any article clause or thinge therein conteyned, shall extende to any landes tenementes possessions or hereditamentes, which nowe be or hereafter shall be in the suruey rule order and governance of the kinges courte of the Augmentations of the reuenues of his crowne, nor shall geue power vnto the saide court of Suruepours to make any lease or to take any account of or to the same any thinge conteyned in this acte to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstandinge.

Provided also that this acte ne any thinge therein conteyned, extend or be in any wyse prejudicial or hurtfull to any the general Suruepours nowe beinge, nor to any auditour or auditours, receuour or receuours, suruepours or suruepours, or to any other officer or officers, of for or concernynge any of the saide castelles honours manours landes tenementes hereditamentes profittes or casualties, or any other the premises, or any parte thereof: but that they and euery of them shal & may haue & enioy their offices, according to the purpozt tenour and effect of their seueral letters patentes and grantes, as wel of the kinges mayesty as of any other person, therof to them & euerye of them heretofore made, any article clause or matter in this present acte mentioned or declared to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstanding.

And where the kinges highnes of late, by auctorite of parliamēt holden at westm in the. xxvii. yere of his graces reigne, hath erected a certayne court callid the court of the Augmentations of the reuenues of his crown, and by the same made the same a court of recorde: and by the same acte hath assigned limited and appoynted diuers manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes to be in the order suruey & gouernance of the same court, with diuers other articles and clauses in the same acte expressed & declared. And

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where also by one other act of parliament, begun and holden at Westm, the xxviii. day of Aprill, in the xxxi. yere of the reigne of the king our soueraigne lord, and by diuers prouocations continued vntill the xxv. daye of Maye, in the xxxii. yere of our saide soueraigne lord: It was enacted and established, that certayn liberties franchises iurisdiccions and preeminences concerning the same manours lādes and other hereditamētēs, shuld be reuind & be in the order rule and suruey of the same court, to al intents & purposes, as by the same act made in the said. xxxii. yere of the reigne of our saide souerain lord, at large doth & may moze playnly appere: Be it now ordeined established & enacted by thautozitie of this present parliament, that the same act concerning the establishment of the saide court of augmētations of the reuenues of the kynges crowne. And also the saide act for reuynge of liberties, shal fro hensforth for euer stand & abide in their full strength effect & vertue after & accordyng to the true intent & menyng of the same seuerall actes aforesayde. ¶ And where the kinges maiesty for diuers cōsiderations & respectes hath taken bought and purchased of diuers oꝝ sundrye his grācis subiectes for redy money, promysed to be payde by his grācis officers and surueyours diuers manours lādes testes rentis reuertions woodes & other hereditamētēs, as well by smal parcels as otherwys, and part therof hath ben enclosed into parkes orchardes oꝝ gardens, & the party oꝝ parties haue not ben paid for lacke of warrantes signed by the kinges most gracious hande, and haue ben cōpelled oft & sundrye times to resort to officers of the saide court of augmētations, for the speedy paymēt of their said dutie oꝝ duties, to their inestimable costis & charges: And where also diuers & sundrye of the late gouernours & rulers of houses of religion, now remainyng in the kinges hādes, were & be truly & truly indetted, & do yet ow to sundrye of the kinges subiectes beynge very poze men, aswel for wages vitayles prouision for their houses & money lent and other iust true and good causes, cōuerted to the vse of their houses, many & great sūmes of money, for the paymēt wherof the same parties haue made and dayly do make cōtinual cōplaintes and suite to the same court of augmētations for their speedy payment: and many of the same parties satisfied and cōtented by the said court of augmētations, and as yet a great number of the be to be satisfied cōtented and paid, which paymentes & satisfactions aswel made as to be made, do requyre especial warrātes signed with the kinges most gracious hāde. The lack wherof hath be & is like to be not only a great delay to the kinges true & louyng subiectes, for the speedy payment of their dettes & dueties to them due, but also shuld & shalbe a tedious & a cōtinual traueyl vnto the kynges maiesty for the often signyng of the same. In cōsideratio wherof be it enacted ordeined & established, by thautozitie of this present parliament, that aswel al paymētēs & satisfactions heretofore paid as hereafter to be paid by the tresorier & pticular recepuors for & time being of the same court, by the decree oꝝ cōmandmēt in wytyng of the chancelloꝝ, by the assent of the colicel of the same court, oꝝ the moze part of the, for the purchasing oꝝ buyng of any manors lādes tenemētēs oꝝ other hereditamētēs al-

redy taken boughte purchased or enclosed by the kinges commaundement his heires or successours, or hereafter to be taken bought purchased or inclosed, as is aforesaid, as also to the recompence and satisfaction of all lawfull good true and iust dettes and expences, as wel paid as hereafter to be paid by the said treasurer or particular receiuer or receiuours, by the warrant of the said Chauncellour in wytyng, by the assent of the said council or the moze parte of them, as is aforesaid (not exceedinge to anye one person. C. li.) shalbe good and effectuali in the lawe agaynst our said soueraigne lord the kinge, his heires and successours for ever, to all ententes and purposes: And that the said treasurer and particular receiuer, their heires executors and administratours, for the said several paymtes by warrant witten of the said Chauncellour in fourme aforesayde, shal be clerelie exonerated acquitted and discharged to all ententes and purposes, And that the same tresorer & receiuer and receiours their heires executors and administratours, shalbe allowed discharged & acquitted therof vpon his or their declaration of accompt befoze the chauncellour and counsaile of the same court, or vpon his or theyr accompt made to the auditor appointed or assigned by the said Chauncellour, to take and here the accompt of the same tresorer or receiuer or receiours, their executors or administratours.

And where byuers and sundrie obligacions and specialties heretofore have ben made to byuers persons, part of them to the vse of king Henry the vii. father of our now most gracious soueraine liege lord, and part of them to the vse and behoefe of our said now soueraine lord: Be it enacted by the kyng our soueraine lord, with thassent of the lordes spiritual and temporal and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that all obligations and specialties, which after the first daie of May next comming, shalbe made for anye cause or causes touching or in any wise concernyng the kinges most royal matelty or his heires, or to his or theyr vse comoditie or behoefe, shal be made to his highnes and to his heires kinges in his or their name or names by these wordes, *Domino regi*, and to none other person or persons to his vse, and to be payde to his highnes by these wordes, *Solvend. eidē domino regi*, heretofore, *vel executoribus suis*, with other wordes used & accustomed in comon obligacions. And that al such obligations & specialties so to be made, shalbe good and effectual in the lawe to all purposes and intentes, and shalbe of the same nature kind qualite force and effect to all ententes & purposes, as the wytinges obligatorie taken and knowleged accordyng to the statute of the staple at Westm. bach at any time befoze the making of this present acte, ben taken used exercised & executed agaynst any lay pson or psons, any law vsage or custome to the contrary therof notwithstanding. And that all such obligacions & specialties, the dett wherof being not payd nor contented in the life of the king, shal come remain & be to the heires or executors of the king, at the free libertie disposicion assignement & apointment of the same king, to whom suche obligacions or specialties shal be made as is aforesaid. And if anye pson or psons in his or their own proper

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persone or persones, after the sayd fyfthe daye of May, make or take any obligation or obligacions to the vse of the kynges maiestie, or of his heires kynges, otherwysse than is before expessed, that than such person or persons only that shal so offend, contrary to this present acte, for his or theys so doing, shall haue and suffer suche imprisonment as shalbe assessed and adiudged by the king, or his most honorable counsell, baillie attendant vpon his highnes most roial person. And that all suites to be made after the fyfth daie of Aprill next comming for the recovery of or for any the kynges dettes, in any the kynges courtes mencioned in this acte, of or vpon any obligacion or specialty dated or deliuered before the makinge of this present acte, or whiche shal be dated and deliuered to the king or to his vse, before the second day of May next comming, shall be taken seued and pursued in the name of the king, and in the name of none other persone or persons, to what soeuer person or persons the sayde obligacions or specialties or any of them, be haue ben or shal be made to the kynges vse. And that all suites processe iudgementes decrees and executions hereafter to be taken pursued and giuen for the kyng in any the kynges courtes mencioned in this acte, of for or vpon any of the same obligacions last afoze mencioned, shall be of the same or lyke strengthe force effecte and intent in the lawe to al purposes onely agaynst al and all maner suche persone and persones as ben bounden in such obligacions or specialties, as well spirituall as temporell, as agaynst their heires successours executors and administrators and eury of them, & agaynst none other, as writynges obligatores taken and knowledged accordeyng to the statute of the staple at westmister at any tyme before the makinge of this present acte, haue ben vsed to be taken exercised and executed agaynst anie laie persone or persones. And that the kyng in all suites hereafter to be taken in or vpon any obligacion or specialties, made or hereafter to be made to the king, or anie to his vse, shall haue and recouer the iuste dettes costes and dammages, as other common persones vse to do in suites and pursutes for their dettes. And that all suche suites as now be dependyng in the name of any common persone to his graces vse, wherof no verdict is or before the feaste of Easter next comming shalbe giuen or passed, or no exigende awarded, shall abate be voyde and of none effecte. And neuer the lesse the kyng by the auctorite afozsayd, shall haue his supre and remedie for the sayde dette so beyng in action and processe, in fourtine as is afozsayd, in anie of the courtes in this acte mencioned, anie thing in this acte to the contrarie therof not withstandinge.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctorite abouesaid, that all and euerie suite and suites, whiche hereafter shall be hadde made or taken, of for or vpon any dette or duties, which heretofore hath growen or be due, or that hereafter shall growe or be due to the kyng, in the seuerall offices and courtes of his Eschequer, Duchye of Lancaster, Augmentacions of the reuenues of his crowne, Suerpours generall of his manours landes and teneamentes, Mayster of the wardes and lueries, and courte of the fyfth frutes and tenthes, or in any of theym, or by reason or auctorite of any of theym, shall be true:

he severally sued in suche one of the saide courtes and offices, in the whiche courtes and office, or by reason of the whiche court and office, the same dette or due shal growe or become to be due, or hereafter shal growe or become due, or in the whiche office or court the recognisance obligation or specialite is or shal be or remaine. And every suche severall suite and suites shal be made in every of the saide severall offices and courtes under the severalle scales of the saide severall courtes, by Capias, Extends facias, Subpoena, attachment, and proclamations of allegiance, yf neede shal requyre, or any of theyn, or otherwise, as unto the saide severall courtes shal be thought by theyr discretions expedient for the speede recoverye of the hys highnes debts. And that the saide court of Eschequer, and all and every of the saide courtes, shal have hole and full auctorite and power, to here and determine all and every suche suite and suites as hereafter shal be taken committed and pursued for the intent above specified, and therupon to award make and do execution by and vpon the bodie landes and goodes of the party or parties that so shalbe condemned accordyngly. And also shal have full power and auctorite, to here and determine all and al maner of dettes depnues trespasses accomptes recognynges wastes dyscettes negligences defaultes contempts complaints pottes quatelles lapes lites controuersies forsaitures offences and other thynges what so euer they shal be, whiche hereafter shal growe by moued or shal be procured pursued or atpse in for or vpon any matter cause or other thinge assigned committed or appointed or hereafter to be assigned committed or appointed to the severall discretions orders and governaunces of the same courtes or any of them, or for or vpon any manner of thinge or thynges, whiche may or shal touche, or in any wise concerne the same, wherin the hynge shal be onely partie: And also all maner of states for terme of yeres betwene party and party concernyng the premises, and to correcte and punyssh by their discretions all and everye persone and persones, whiche before theym shal be conducted of any of the premises, accordyng to the nature qualite and quantite of his or their offence or offences, cause or causes, matter or matters, all and al maner of treasons murders felonies estates rightes titles and interestes, as well of inheritance as of freeholde, other then wyntres for terme of yse onely excepted and alwayes reserved.

And be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaide, that yf any persone or persons shal make or pretende any clayme righte title interest or possession, in or to any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, bargayned solde or exchanged, or hereafter to be bargayned solde or exchanged by the hynge our soweraigne lord, to any person or persons in fee simple or fee taylor, by his highnes letters patentes made or to be made therof under his great scale of Englande, vpon whiche letters patentes there is or shal be reserved any annual rentes or termes payable to the kinges highnes his heires or successours in his saide court of Augmentacions, or demaunde or aske any rentes annuities offices fees or other pofittes in out or of any suche manours

landes tenementes or hereditamentes, conteyned or to be comprised in any
suche letters patentes, made or hereafter to be made as is aforesaide. And if
our saide soueraigne lord his heires or successours, shall make or pretend
any claime right title interest or possession, in or to any manours landes
tenementes or hereditamentes, bargained solde or exchanged, or to be bar-
gained solde or exchanged, by the henge his heires or successours, to any
person or persons in fee simple or fee tayle, by his or their letters patentes
therof made or hereafter to be made under his or their great seale of Englysh
Upon whiche letters patentes is or shalbe reserved any annual rentes or ser-
vices payable, or whiche shalbe payable to the king his heires or successours,
in his saide court of Augmentations: And if the king his heires or suc-
cessours, demaunde or aske any rentes annuities or other profittes or heredi-
mentes of any estate of inheritauce, in or out of any manours landes
tenementes or hereditamentes conteyned or comprised, or to be conteyned or
comprised, appoynted or to be appoynted or assigned, to the saide court of
Augmentations, in any letters patentes made or hereafter to be made, as is
aforesaide: That than the Chauncellour of the saide court of Augmen-
tations, by the assent of the counsaile of the saide court, or the more parte of
them, shal have power and auctorite by auctorite of this act, to examine all
suche demandes rightes titles interestes & possessions, rentes annuities of-
fices fees and other profittes & hereditamentes, what soever they shalbe, and
euery of thes to be demanded pretended claimed or asked, as is aforesaide,
and by wytnes pofes and other wayes and meanes by their discretions, to
here and determine the same. And in case the hynges patentes in any such
letters patentes as is aforesaide, or any of them, their heires successours or
assignes, shall be compelled by the auctorite of the saide court of Augmen-
tations, by decree or iudgement of the saide court, to tender and pelde to any
person or persons in fee simple or fee tayle, the landes tenementes or heredi-
mentes comprised or specified in any such letters patentes, or any parcel
of them, or to suffer any person or persons to haue and enioy any offices rentes
annuities or other profittes or hereditamentes in fee simple or in fee tayle,
out or of the same, or out or of any parcell thereof: And that it shall appere
in the saide letters patentes, that the hynges his heires or successours, is or
shall be bounden, or of right and equitie oughte to recompence and satisfy
the saide patentes, their heires successours executours or assignes, or any of
thepm, of and for suche manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes an-
nuities rentes offices fees or other profittes recovered in fee simple, or in
tayle, by decree or iudgement of the saide court, as is aforesaide: or els to dis-
charge and acquyte the saide patentees, their heires successours executours
and assignes, of or for any rentes annuities offices fees or other profittes &
aforesaide, recovered by decree or iudgement in fee simple or fee tayle, as is
aforesaide. And if it shal appere vnto the saide court of Augmentations, or
vnto the more parte of them, that the hynges his heires or successours of right
and equitie oughte to haue recouer or enioy, in fee simple or fee tayle, any
manours

manours landes tenementes by hereditamentes, in any suche letters patent-
 es comprised, or any rentes annuities offices fees or other profits, in out-
 of the same: That than in al and every suche case and cases the said Chan-
 cellour of the Augmentations for the time beinge, with the assent of thre or
 moze suche persones as hereafter shall be named by the kinge his heyres or
 successours, shall have full power and auctorite without any bylle or war-
 rante to be signed or sued from the kinge his heyres or successours for the
 same, as well to recompence and satisfie the partie or parties grieved, so mu-
 che in money of the kinges treasure remaninge in thesaide court of Aug-
 mentations, as the saide manours landes tenementes rentes annuities of-
 fices fees or other profits or hereditamentes, losse or recovered by decree or
 judgement of the saide court of Augmentations, as is aforesaide, shall be
 worthy to be solde or otherwise discharge and acquite such person or persons
 thereof according to his or their letters patentes, as also to make and take
 order direction decree and judgement for the kinge his heyres and success-
 ours, for the recoverye attaynyng and haupng of all and singular suche
 manours landes tenementes rentes annuities offices fees profits and he-
 reditamentes, and all and every other thinge and thinges, whiche the kinge
 his heyres and successours by and upon suche examination and examinati-
 ons, ought shuld and shall be intitled to have recouer posside or enjoy
 in fee simple or in fee taylor: And the same decree direction order and judge-
 ment to be good and effectual in the same, to bynde all parties and pytyes
 to the same to all intents and purposes. And where any decree or judgement
 whiche shall be given in the said court of augmentations for any the premis-
 ses, extend to the losse of the kinges patentee or patentees, their heyres suc-
 cessours executours or administratours, but for terme of lyfe or lyues of the
 demandant or demandantes, pleyntife or pleyntifes, or for terme of ye-
 res, the losse wherof the king is bounden and ought to recompence discharge
 or acquite by his letters patentes: than the saide Chauncellour of the aug-
 mentations shall have full power and auctorite to recompence or discharge
 the same in money, as is aforesaide, or els to recompence the same of the lan-
 des tenementes hereditamentes and possessions ly committed to the survege and
 gouvernauce of the saide court of Augmentations, to be graunted under
 the seale of the same court by the discretion of the saide Chauncellour, as
 shall seme to him best for the kinges profite, without any byll or warrant to
 be sued or signed by or from the kinge for the same. And that every suche re-
 compence satisfaction and discharge, to be made by auctorite of this act, to
 any persone or persons by the saide Chauncellour, as is aforesaide shall be
 good and effectual agaynst the kinge his heyres and successours, any lawe
 usage or custome to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

And it is further enacted by the auctorite abovesaide, that everye of the
 saide courties shall have full power and auctorite, by force of this act, to
 set such fines penalties and amercedmentes upon parties, officers
 and other persones, for his and their defaultes, contemptes negligences or
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misdeemeanours, as vnto the saide courtes, o; vnto any of them shall be reasonably considered and thought expedient. And that all and euerie tryal and tryalles, of all and all maner of suites billes plaintes informations declarations compleintes answeres replications allegations causes matters and p;ues o; any of the, to be pursued made o; tried in the saide seuerall courtes o; any of them, shall be made and tryed by due examination of w;tnes wyssinges, p;oses, o; by suche other wayes o; meanes, as by the saide seuerall courtes, o; by any of them shall be thought expedient. And that all and euerie suche iugement and iugementes decree o; decrees examination and examinations, shall be good perfect and in full strength force and effecte in the lawe to all intentes constructions and purposes.

¶ And where diuerse and sundry persons stand bounde to the kinges highnes in diuerse great and notable summes of moneye, by recognisaunce o; o;ther bondes, in the said seuerall courtes fo; dettes due to the kinges highnes, as well fo; the purchase of landes and woodes and perfourmaunce of conditions, as also fo; diuers and sundry other causes: And al be it the same persons haue wel and truly satisfied contented and payed the same dettes o; perfourmed the conditions of the same recognisaunces o; other bondes, yet the same recognisaunces o; other bondes can not be made voyde without the kinges especiall warrant, which shulde be muche inquietnes to the kinges maiestie, and also very chargeable to his graces subiectes, to sue to his highnes from time to time fo; the same. In consideration wherof, and so; as muche as the saide persons beinge so bounden by recognisaunce, o; in o;ther bondes, may by diuerse casualties lose their acquitaunces, wherby great danger and perill may growe to them their heires executors and successours: Be it therfore enacted by the kinge oure soueraigne lo;de, with the assente of the lo;des spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that vpon the sight of the acquitaunces, made o; to be made fo; the payment of the sayde dette o; dettes o; summe o; summes of money, growen o; to be growen, o; due, and sufficient p;ose made o; hereafter to be made befo;e the saide seuerall heade officers fo; the time beinge of the sayde seuerall courtes, as the case shall e;e o; growe, o; p; the condition of the same recognisaunce o; bonde be perfourmed o; kepte: That than euerie suche seuerall heade officer, fo; that recognisaunce taken o; to be taken by hym o; any of his predecessours, o; fo; any other bonde fo; time beinge within his charge and cure, shall haue full power and auctoritie to cancell and make voyde the saide recognisaunce o; o;ther bonde, callinge to him suche of the same court as to hym o; them shall seme mooste conueniente fo; the cancellation of the same recognisaunce o; bonde.

¶ And be it enacted by the auctoritie afo;e sayde, that the same cancellation soo made, shall be a sure and sufficient dyscharge of the same recognisaunce o; other bonde, to all and euerie suche persone o; persones, as voo o; shall stande bounden in the same recognisaunce o; bonde,

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so cancelled agaynst the kynges highnes his heires executours and successours for ever.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the same severall head officers for the tyme beinge, in every of their saied severall courttes, shall have full power and auctoritie to discharge cancells or make void by his or theyr discretion, all and singular recognisances now made and hereafter to be made in the saied court, for any apparance or other contempt. And that the same heade officer or officers, and the parties so bounden and to bee bounden, to be discharged agaynst the kyng or saied soueraigne lord his heires executours and successours for the cancellation of the same recognisance.

¶ And where the kynges maiestie sithen the making of the same statute in the sated. xxvii. yere of his noble reigne, of his owne mere motion liberalitie and benignitie, hath frely geuen and graunted by his sundry letters patenttes vnder his great seale of England, vnto diuers and sundry of the nobles and lordes, as well spirituall as tempozall of this his realme, and also vnto diuers and many other persons and bodies politike, to their heires and successours, and to the heires of theyr bodies, or for terme of life or lyues, dyvers and many sundry honours castelles manours landes tenementes rectories pencions poztions and other hereditamentes, whiche than were in the order gouernaunce and suruey of the same court of the Augmentacions of the reuenues of his graces crowne, or out of any other of the saied severall courttes, reseruing vnto his maiestie his heires and successours by the same letters patenttes, one pecely rent in the name of one tenth, or the tenth part of the pecely value of the same pzemisses, or any other rent payable and to bee paid in the same courttes, or to the officers of the same courttes deputed and assigned for the same, at one certayne feast or day in the same letters patenttes mencioned and declared, which saied persons so aduanced, not withstanding they haue sithen and after the making of the same letters patenttes peaceably enioyed the same manors landes tenementes and hereditamentes so geuen, and therof haue quietly perceiued and taken the pssues reuenues and pofites thereof: yet neuerthelesse diuers of the same personnes haue not at the daies and feastes assigned and limited vnto them in the same letters patenttes, nor yet in longe tyme after the same daies and feastes of payement thereof, contented and paid in the same courttes, or to the officers of the same courttes assigned and deputed for the same, the said pecely rent or tentes so reserued to the kynges highnes, contrarie to their dueties, and against all reason and good conscience. In consideration wherof be it therefore now ordeyned enacted and established, by the assent of the kynges maiestie, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that if any persone, of what estate degree or condicion so euer he be, or body politike, to whom the kynges maiestie hath by his letters patenttes vnder his great seale of England, or vnder the great seale of the same court of Augmentacions, geuen or graunted, or hereafter shall geue or graunt, with like reseruacion of rent

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of rentes, any manours landes tenementes rectories or other hereditamentes what soever, whiche were or hereafter shall be in the order governaunce and surueile of the same courtes, or any of theym, to be had to them and their heires or successours, or for any other estate of inheritance, or for terme of lyfe or lyues, pelding and reseruing to the same our saied soueraygne lord the king his heires and successours, one pence rent at one certayne daye or feast in the same letters patentes expessed mencioned and declared, and to be paid into the same courtes, that if the same persons bodies politike their heires successours or assignes, or anye of them, do not truly content or paye or cause to be contented or paid vnto the tresourer of the said severall courtes, to the generall or particular recepuour of the same severall courtes, deputed and assigned for the same for the tyme beinge, to the vble of the kinges highnes, at the daye or feast lymitted by the same letters patentes, or within thye monethes nexte and immediatlie after the same daye or feast of payement therof, all suche summes of money, whiche ben or hereafter shall be due reserued to the kinges maiestie his heires & successours, by the same letters patentes or by any of them, or make sufficient tender therof to the said Tresourer or general or particular receuour: that then every of the same persons, bodies politike, their heires successours or assignes, for lacke & default of paiement of the same rente, to forsaite and lose to the kinges maiestie his heires & successours as muche moneye as the fourth parte of the same rent so reserued or hereafter to be reserued for one yere, both or shall amount vnto for and in the name of one penny, ouer and aboue the same rent reserued or hereafter to be reserued. And if it happen the same persones bodies politike their heires successours or assignes or any of the, do not within one half yere next after the day or feast expessed in the same letters patentes, content or pay, or lawfully tender vnto the same Tresourer, or general or particular receuour, to the vble of the kinges maiestie his heires or successours, as wel the saied pence rent so reserued or hereafter to be reserued, as also the sayd summe of money forsaied for & in the name of a penny: that then the same persons bodies politike, their heires successours and assignes, so offendyng, shall forsaite and lose to the kinges maiestie his heires and successours, so much moneye as the moity or halfe deale of the same rent reserued or to be reserued for one yere, both or shall amount vnto, ouer and aboue the sayd rent reserued or to be reserued, and so to forsaite and lose for every half yere after, so much moneye as the hole rente reserued or to be reserued, for one hole yere, both or shall amounte vnto, vntil the same rent so reserued or to be reserued, and the arerages of the same, and also the saied summes of money so forsaied and losse for a paine, ben vnto the same Tresourer or general or particular receuour truly satisfied contented and payed, to the vble of the kinges highnes his heires and successours.

And be it also enacted by the auctorite of the sayde, that it shall be lesul to the same Tresourer and generall or particular receuour, to distrayne as wel for the same rente so reserued or to be reserued, and for the arerages of the same

the same, as also for the saide summes of money so forsaithed or to be forsaithed and loste, for and in the name of the peine aforesaide. And also the heade officer or officers of eithur of the same courtes for the time beinge, vpon certificate to him made or to be made of the same defaulte and contempte, shall and maye a warde suche proces out of the same courtes agaynst the same offender for not payinge of the said rente so reserved, or to be reserved, and also for the same summes of money forsaithed and to be forsaithed by this acte, as by his or their discretion shall seme convenient.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that yf any personne or persones hereafter make lawefull payment to any of the saide Treasourers or generall or particular recepuour of any of the same courtes, deputed and assigned for the same, of any summe or summes of money due to the kinges highnes his heyres or successours, for any pecyly rente or tenth, and vppon or after suche paymente offer vnto the same Treasourer or generall or particular recepuour, one lausful and sufficient acquitaunce redy made to be assigned by the same Treasourer or general or particular recepuour, withnesse the recepyte of the saide summe or summes of money so payed: that then the saide Treasourer generall or particular Recepuour, shall with his owne hande assigne the same acquitaunce, without takinge any fee or reward for makinge of the same acquitaunce, vpon payne to forsaite and lose for euery tyme offendinge contrarie to this acte. xl. s. one moytie wherof to be to the kynges highnes, and the other moytie to the partie that wille pursue for the same. And if the parties, whiche hereafter shall happen to paye to the same treasourer or general or particular recepuour, any suche summe or summes of money, and do not bringe an acquitaunce with hym to be signed as is beforesaid: that then if the same treasourer or general or particular recepuour, vpon request to him made, shall make a deliuer vnto the same partie one sufficiente acquitaunce, testifyinge the same recepyte, that then the same Treasourer or generall or particular recepuour or any of his clarkes shall not receyue or take of the same partie for the makinge of the saide acquitaunce, not aboue four pence, vpon payne to forsaite for euery such acquitaunce. xx. s. for whiche he or they shall happen to take aboue the sayde summe of. iiii. to be recouered as is befoze said, that is to saye, the one moytie therof to the vse of the kinges highnes of his heyres and successours, and the other moytie therof to the partie that wille pursue for the same.

And be it also enacted, that the same acquitaunce shall be a sufficient discharge accordyng to the tenour and effecte of the same.

And be it also further enacted and ordeyned by the auctoritie afoze saide, that yf any of the same generall or particular recepuours, which now be or hereafter shall be within any of the saide courtes, happen to pay to any person or persons any annuittie pence or other rente, that then if the same person or persons, vpo the recepyt therof deliuer vnto the same generall or particular recepuour one sufficiente and lausfull acquitaunce sealed and signed testifyinge the same recepyt: that then the same general or particular recepuour,

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nour shal receiue the same acquittance, without taking oꝝ receyvinge any for oꝝ rewarde foꝝ the makinge of the same. And yf the same party, to whom the said generall oꝝ particular recepuour hath so contented and payde any such annuittie, pencion, oꝝ rent, do not bring with him one sufficient acquittance signed and sealed, testifying the receipt of the same money, by reason whereof the same generall oꝝ particular recepuour by hym selfe oꝝ his clathe make one acquittance foꝝ the receipt of the same annuittie pencion oꝝ rent, that then the same recepuour oꝝ his clerke, shall not receyve oꝝ take foꝝ the makinge of any suche acquittance, whiche he shall soo happen to make, not above. iiii. s. upon payne to foꝝsayte foꝝ every suche acquittance, whiche he shall happen to refuse, beinge redy made and offered to be deliuered to him as is above said. xx. shyllynges. And foꝝ everye acquitaunce, whiche he shall hereafter happen to make foꝝ any of the paymentes aforesaide, and to receyve foꝝ the makinge of the same acquitaunce above the sayde summe of. iiii. pence, to foꝝsayte. xx. s. the one moytie to be to the kyng, and the other moytie to the partie that wylle sue foꝝ the same. And also that the same generall oꝝ particular recepuours oꝝ theyꝝ deputies, whiche hereafter shall happen to pay any suche annuittie pencion oꝝ rent, shall not receyve oꝝ take of the party, to whome he shall happen to pay the same, in the waye of rewarde oꝝ otherwise, not above the summe of foure pence of every pounce, whiche the same generall oꝝ particular recepuour shall so happen to paye, upon payne to foꝝsayte. vi. s. viii. d. foꝝ everye peny, whiche he oꝝ they shall happen to receyve above the sayde summe of. iiii. d. foꝝ everye pounce, whiche he oꝝ they shall so happen to paye: the one moytie of the same foꝝsayture to be to the kyng, and the other moytie to the party that wylle sue foꝝ the same. And that all the said suites, concerning the said foꝝsaytures, may be commensed and pursued by byl information oꝝ action, in which suite none esoyne protection oꝝ wager of lawe to be admitted.

¶ And be it further enacted, that yf any person oꝝ persons hereafter happen to tende oꝝ offer vnto any of the auditours of the same severall courtes, in the time being, any of the kinges letters patentees decrees of any of the same severall courtes grauntes indentures of leases, as well foꝝ terme of years, as foꝝ terme of lyfe oꝝ lyues, to be intolled before the same auditor, accoꝝdyng to his office: that than the same auditor, vpon the same tender of offer, shall enroll the same, oꝝ as muche of the same letters patentees decrees grauntes oꝝ indentures, as shall apperteyne to his saide office. And yf any of the same auditours oꝝ any of theyꝝ clerkes, oꝝ any other to theyꝝ vse, oꝝ to the vse of any of them, receyve and take foꝝ the intollement of any of the same letters patentees decrees grauntes oꝝ indentures, oꝝ foꝝ the allowance of the same above the summe of. iiii. s. iiii. d. that then the same auditor oꝝ his clerk so offending shal foꝝsayte. vi. s. viii. d. foꝝ every peny, which the same auditor oꝝ any of them, shall happen at any time hereafter to receyve contrary to the fourme aforesaide, the one moytie of the same foꝝsayture to be to the kynges byghnes, and the other moytie to hym that wylle sue foꝝ the same by suite

by suche maner and fourme as is aforesayd.

And be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that every auditour of every of the saide severall courtes perely in every countie within theyr saide severall lycettes, by the space of twentye dayes or moze before they audit, shall proclayme and declare in all severall markettes or other places, the place and dayes, where and when they will kepe theyr severall audits in the same shyre, bypon payne to forfayte for every tyme doinge the contrary. b. ii. the one mozt wherof to be to the kinges highnesse, and the other mozt to the partie that will sue for the same in fourme aforesayd. And that also every of the auditours of the saide severall courtes, beinge severally assigned to theyr severall lycettes, and everye of the particular recepuours of the same severall courtes, beyng also severally assigned and toyned with the same severall auditours in theyr saide severall lycettes, after and betwene every of the festes of saynt Michell the archangell and Chystmasse, shall direct and awarde their severall warrantes and pceptes under theyr seales, to every of the recepuours bayliffes reues and other officers what so ever accomptable befoze the same auditours, and by the same warrant or pcepte to charge and commaunde in the name of our saide soveraigne lord the kyng, every of the saide recepuours bayliffes reues and other officers, to appere befoze theym at one certayne daye and place in the same warrant or pcepte to theym prescribed, there to declare and make a iuste and true accompte of all suche receiptes, wherof they be accomptable, and owe to accompte. And after yf the same auditours and particular recepuours do repayse vnto the same place, and there kepe their audits, accordinge to the same proclamations pcepte and warrant: that than yf any recepuour, bayliffe, reue, or other officer, beyng accomptable of or for any of the manours landes tenementes or other what so ever hereditamentes, now remayning or whiche hereafter shall be and remayne in the order governaunce or survey of any of the same severall courtes, be lawfullie warranted, as well by the same proclamation or by pcepte or warrant in wytyng and sealed, and in the name of any of the Auditours of the saide severall courtes, personallie to appere by hym selfe, or by his sufficient and lawfull deputy befoze the same auditour and recepuour at one certayne daye and place in the same warrant or pcepte prescribed, there to make and declare a iuste and a true accompte of all the receiptes of his saide office. And yf the same recepuour, reue, bayliffe, and other officer, soo beyng lawfullie warned, do not appere befoze the same auditour and recepuour, at the same daye and place in the saide warrant expressed: Or yf the same recepuour, bayliffe, reue, or officer, do at the same daye and place to theym prescribed, appere, and will not accompte befoze the same auditour, accordinge to the tenour and effecte of the same pcepte or warrant, or if the same recepuour bayliffe reue or other officer accomptable, do by hym selfe or by his sufficient and lawfull deputy appere befoze the same auditour and recepuour, and than and there enter into his or theire accompte befoze the saide audi-

four, and after the same accomptes finished and ended, if the same recepuours bayliffe reue or other officer, do not contente and paye vnto the Treasourer of the same seuerall courtes, or to the generall or particuler recepuour of the same countie for the time beinge, as the case shall require, within thre moethes nexte and immediately after the same accomptes fully finished and ended, all suche summes of money, whiche vpon the determination of his saide accompte he shall happen to be founde in arerages, and the same defaulte and contempte beyng duely proued befoze the heade officer or officers of the same seuerall courtes for the time beinge: that then euerye suche recepuour bayliffe reue or officer, so offendinge, to forsaite and lose his saide office, and also his fee, whiche he or they hadde and perceyued for the exercysinge of the same office.

And be it also further enacted by auctoritie of this presente parliament, that if any of the saide recepuours bayliffes reues or other officers, vpon the declaration of their saide accomptes, do wyllyngely concele and withdraue any rente reuennue fine herriot, or other casualtie what so euer it be, of the which he oughte to haue made accompte, and the same dudy approued befoze the saide head officer or officers for the time beinge: that thanne euerye suche recepuour bayliffe reue or other officer so offendinge, to forsaite and lose his saide office and fee, whiche he had for the exercysinge of the same, and also thre times as muche as he hath so concealed and withdrauen. And that the said head officer or officers of the same seuerall courtes for the time beinge immediately vpon certificat to him made of the same defaulte, contempte or offence, shall awarde proces in nature of attachmente agaynst the same recepuour bayliffe reue or other officer, as well for the same arerages remaininge in the handes of the same recepuour bayliffe reue or officer, as also for the penaltie of their recognisaunce or bonde, in whiche the same recepuour bayliffe reue or officer standeth bounden to oure saide soueraigne lord the kynge, as also for the contempte and pryme lymitted and appoynted by this acte.

AND BE IT further enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that in all actions and suites to be taken or pursued in any the courtes aforesaide, for the recouery of any dette or dettes, whiche now be or that hereafter shall happen to apperteyne accrue remaine or be to the king, by reason of any attour outlawry forsaiteure gyfte of the partie, or by any other collateral way or meanes, it shall be sufficient in the lawe to shewe and allege in the said suite generallie, that the partie, to whom the saide det or dettes was due byd belonge, suche pere and daye byd gyue the same dette or dettes vnto the kinge, or was attapnted outelawed or other offence, forsaiteure, dede, act or thing committed or byd, by reason wherof the saide det or dettes byd accrued and oughte to remaine come and be to the kinge, And that the same matter so to be shewed alleged or declared in generalitie, without shewing and declaringe the circumstance therof, shall be of as good force and effecte in the lawe to all intentes constructions and purposes, as if the hole matter were

of had ben oꝛ were alleged and declared at large in every poynt, accordyng
to the due order of the common lawes of this realme.

AN D be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any sute be
commenced oꝛ taken, oꝛ any pꝛoces be hereafter awarded foꝛ the king, foꝛ the
recouerie of anie the kynges dettes: that then the same sute and pꝛoces shal
be preferred befoꝛe the sute of anie other persone oꝛ persones. And that our
sayd soueraygne lord his heires and successours, shal haue spꝛy execution
agaynst any defendaunt oꝛ defendantes, of and foꝛ his sayd dettes, befoꝛe
any other person oꝛ persons, so alwayes that the kynges sayde sute be taken
and commenced, oꝛ pꝛoces awarded foꝛ the sayde det, at the sute of our sayde
soueraigne lord the king his heires and successours, befoꝛe iugement given
foꝛ the sayd other person oꝛ persons.

AN D be it enacted also by auctoritie aforesayde, that all manours landes
tenementes possessions and hereditamentes, the whiche now be oꝛ that here
after shal come oꝛ be in oꝛ to the handes possession occupation oꝛ seison of a-
ny person oꝛ persones, to whom the same manours, landes, tenementes oꝛ
hereditamentes, haue heretofore oꝛ hereafter shal descend reuert oꝛ remayn,
in fee simple oꝛ fee taylor, generall, oꝛ speciall, by frome oꝛ after the death of
any his oꝛ theys auncester oꝛ auncesters, as heire, oꝛ by gyfte of his aunce-
sters, whose heire he is, whiche sayde auncester oꝛ auncesters was is oꝛ shal
be indebted to the kyng, oꝛ to any other person oꝛ persons to his vse, by iuge-
ment recognisaunce obligacion oꝛ other specialtie, the det wherof is oꝛ shal
not be contented and payed: that than in every suche case the same manours
landes tenementes possessions and hereditamentes shal be and stand foꝛ the
auctoritie of this act, from henceforth, charged and chargeable to and by the
paymente of the same det, and of every parte therof. And that our sayde so-
ueraygne lord, his heires and successours, at any tyme hereafter shal not
be barred delayed foꝛclosed oꝛ excluded, to demaunde haue and receyue his
oꝛ theys iuste true and lawfull debtes and duties agaynst any of his subie-
ctes, as heire oꝛ heires to any person oꝛ persons indebted to his highnes, oꝛ
to other persones to his vse, oꝛ whiche shalbe indebted to his highnes, his
heires oꝛ successours, all be it this word be not oꝛ shal not be com-
pꝛised in suche recognisaunce obligacion oꝛ specialtie, oꝛ that any suche persone
oꝛ persons shal saie allege, that he oꝛ they haue not any manours oꝛ landes
tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes to them descended, but onely suche manours
landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes as be oꝛ shal be entayled, oꝛ given to
them by any theys auncestours, to whom they be heires, any lawes vses oꝛ
customes befoꝛe this tyme vsed oꝛ had to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes that the kinges maiestie, his heires and successours,
make at his oꝛ theys libertie and pleasure, demaunde haue and recouer his
oꝛ theys sayde dette oꝛ debtes, of and agaynst any executour oꝛ executours,
administratour oꝛ administratours, of any suche person oꝛ persons, whiche
is hath ben oꝛ shal be indebted in maner and forme abovesayde, if the same
executour oꝛ executours, administratour oꝛ administratours, shal haue asses

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in his oꝝ theyꝝ handes in dede oꝝ in lawe, any thyng befoꝛe mentioned to the contrary not withstandyng.

Provided also that if the sayde manours landes and hereditamentes, oꝝ any of them, shall hereafter be recouered oꝝ euicted out of oꝝ from the possession of any suche personne oꝝ personnes, by any iuste oꝝ soꝛmer title, without fraude oꝝ couyne, whose manours landes tenementes oꝝ hereditamētes ben oꝝ shall be charged oꝝ chargeable as is aforesayde: that then all and euerye suche manours landes and hereditamētes shall be clerely acquitted and discharged, of and foꝛ the paymente of the sayde dettes, and of euery part thereof, any thinge befoꝛe mentioned to the contrary not withstandyng.

Provided alwaye and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that if any personne oꝝ personnes, of whom any suche dette oꝝ duetie is oꝝ at any time hereafter shall be demanded oꝝ requyred, allege pleade declare oꝝ shewe in any of the sayde courtes good perfyft sufficient cause and matter in lawe reason oꝝ good conscience, in bar oꝝ discharge of the saide dette oꝝ duetie, oꝝ whye suche personne oꝝ personnes oughte not to be charged oꝝ chargeable to oꝝ with the same, and the same cause oꝝ matter soo alleged pleaded declared oꝝ shewed, sufficiently pꝛoued in suche one of the sayde courtes as he oꝝ they shall be impleaded sued vexed oꝝ troubled foꝛ the same: that than the sayde courtes and euery of them, shall haue full power and auctoritie to accept adiudge and allowe the same pꝛoufe, and hollye and clerely to acquite and discharge al and euery person and persones, that shall be so impleaded sued vexed oꝝ troubled foꝛ the same, any thyng in this pꝛesent acte befoꝛe mentioned to the contrary not withstandyng.

Provided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any manours, landes, tenementes, oꝝ hereditamentes, whiche be oꝝ at any tyme hereafter shall be charged oꝝ chargeable to oꝝ with the dette of our sayde soueraygne loꝛde his heyyes oꝝ successours, and be oꝝ at any tyme hereafter shall be in the seazon and possession of diuers and sundrye personnes, other then the obligout oꝝ obligours, that than al and singular the said manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes and euery parcell of them, shall be hollye and entierly, and in noo wise seuerallye, liable and chargeable, to and with the payment and paymentes of the saide dette and duetie, anye thinge befoꝛe rehearsed to the contrary not withstandyng.

Provided also that this acte noꝝ any thinge therein conteyned, shall in any wyse extend to minishe abrogate oꝝ take away any realties liberties pꝛiueleges franchises pꝛeeminēces iurisdiccions fines issues oꝝ amerciamētes, apperteynyng oꝝ belonging to the said duchy of Lancaster and countie Palantyne of Lancaster oꝝ any of them, but that the same liberties realties pꝛiueleges franchises pꝛeeminēces iurisdiccions fines issues and amerciamētes and euery of them, shall stille continue remaine and be to the sayde Duchy of Lancaster and countie Palantyne and to euery of them, as fullye hollye and plenarly as they were befoꝛe the makinge of this pꝛesent acte, any thing in the same conteyned to the contrary not withstandyng.

Proui-

Provided alwaie and be enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that al ma-
ner of p[ro]ces p[ro]cesses and executions fo[er] dettes, onely compynge o[er] grow-
ynge in the courte of the Eschequer, shall be made in the same courte of the
Eschequer by suche officier and officers clerke o[er] minister of the same courte,
as hath bene afo[er]e this tyme vsed to be made, after and with suche kynde of
p[ro]ces p[ro]cesses and executions, as by this acte is lymitted and declared, a-
ny thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

**20 GOD SAVE THE
KYNGE**



LONDINI ex officina Thomæ Ber-
theleti typis impress.
Cum privilegio ad imprimendum
solum.
ANNO. M. D. XLII.